
Subject: Re: A Plea for Fair Behavior

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Wed, 09 Feb 2011 18:30:07 GMT

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On 2/9/11 7:54 AM, Guillermo wrote:

> On Feb 8, 12:26 pm, Paul van Delst<paul.vande...@noaa.gov> wrote:

>> David Fanning wrote:

>> No one pays me to write

>> books, maintain my web page, or provide free advice to

>> anyone who e-mails me.

>

> I know is none of my business, but have you considered adding a Google

> Checkout button in your website? That way people who are willing to

> contribute to supporting the free services you provide to the

> community could do so. Hawthorne Beyer, a guy who is famous in the

> ESRI user community for providing for free awesome tools, has

> circumvented the legal intricacies of international donations by

> asking folks to support the project by purchasing "consulting

> services" that will result in the improvement of the software (<http://>

> www.spatialecology.com/gme/gmepurchasing.htm).

That's an interesting idea. Perhaps it would also circumvent the restrictions in the US against government money being used for donations, i.e., someone from a government agency or on a grant from the government can't use that money as a "donation". (They are free to donate their own money, though.) But they can purchase consulting services.

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