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Johnson County, Kansas Empowers Field Personnel with GeoPDF® Capabilities *PDF output gives users greater flexibility and enhanced functionality*

ATLANTA, GA – September 19, 2007 – TerraGo® Technologies announced today that Johnson County, Kansas has added the GeoPDF format to its automated information mapping system (AIMS) making it possible for users to create maps and save them as a GeoPDF file through the county GIS mapping data portal.

The AIMS website makes geospatial data for economic development, utility data management, land records management and other county business available to users through a secure website maintained by the county's GIS department.

To create GeoPDF files, users log into the AIMS system and through the web front-end, choose the area they want to map by inputting extents to a GIS application. Once the extent and content of the map has been defined, the system allows the map creator to choose from a variety of output options. The GeoPDF format is the only option that allows users to view, manipulate and update maps via Adobe Reader with or without Internet connections, which is especially helpful for field workers.

“The GeoPDF format lets our users take searchable attribute data into the field in a standard PDF,” says Jerry Swingle, systems administrator. “It's mapping functionality that they can easily use without the need for a GIS application on every device. Once we show field workers how easy it is to get data into the field with GeoPDF files, they all want more.”

GeoPDF is the only geospatial data distribution and collaboration format that leverages the Adobe® portable document format (PDF), giving users powerful mapping functionality and capabilities via an application already installed on hundreds of millions of computers worldwide.

Swingle says the ability to share continuous updates adds to the value of the GeoPDF format. “Our users are able to grab their geospatial data and go and then they can send updates from the field back to us. In the meantime, we update our data every 24 hours, so users are able to download the latest information as they need it. Currency is a top priority and with the GeoPDF output option, our field workers can always access the latest mapping data.”

“The AIMS project is an excellent example of how the GeoPDF format can be deployed within state and local governments to help everyone more efficiently leverage geospatial data,” says Brian Soliday, TerraGo Technologies vice president of sales. “Automation of the map creation process makes geospatial data easily accessible while giving GIS professionals the freedom to focus on strategic initiatives and the data acquisition that will continually bring more value to their constituents.”

Swingle says that was the plan all along. “Internet access to geospatial data is the bread and butter of the AIMS project. We want to empower end users so they can help themselves to the geospatial data they need and eliminate inefficiencies. The GeoPDF formatting option lets users create portable maps and utilize a lot of mapping functionality in a product that’s already very comfortable to most people.”

About TerraGo Technologies

TerraGo Technologies makes it simple to connect all kinds of users to geospatial mapping data. GeoPDF is the industry’s only geospatial data distribution and collaboration solution to leverage the ubiquitous Adobe portable document format breaking down technology barriers between geospatial professionals and the people who need access to geospatial data. Using MAP2PDF, geospatial professionals are able to convert complex geospatial information into user friendly, interactive GeoPDF files with extensive embedded data and mapping features. Users leverage Adobe Reader to perform a variety of viewing and editing functions. Customers include government agencies, utilities and other private enterprises. For more information, visit www.terragotech.com.

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