URISA Annual Conference—
See you in Chicago!

Martha Lombard, URISA 2002 Conference Chair, URISA President-Elect, Principal, Spatial Focus, Inc.

Like many URISA members, I’m making plans to attend the 40th Annual URISA Conference in Chicago in October. It will be my 15th Annual Conference! But comparatively, I’m just a youngster in this wonderful organization.

URISA has been providing support and education to G/IS professionals for 40 years! Over that time, we’ve seen the technology evolve from a mainframe, and largely inaccessible one, to a mainstream, net-oriented and cost-effective means to manage geospatial information.

Likewise our profession has been able to define itself. Starting out as a diverse group of planners, engineers, geographers, and information technology practitioners, URISA has now developed and will implement a certification program for GIS professionals.

The 40th Annual Conference, with its theme of “Looking Back, Moving Forward” will be a wonderful mix of nostalgia and new ideas. Our Anniversary Track will feature presentations by our founders and leaders over the past 40 years, in discussions on where we were then, where we thought we’d be now, and where we really are. Our dreams are the realities of tomorrow, although I don’t think any of us really foresaw the GIS of today.

Our other tracks will provide theoretical and practical papers on real issues facing GIS professionals today. State, County and City GIS staff members will present papers that can help others solve problems and develop successful programs. The Federal agencies are well represented, and there are numerous sessions on the major initiatives in e-government, as well as standards and legislation that affect all of us, such as GASB34. Our international members have also contributed papers that describe the many ways GIS is being used around the world.

opportunities for networking abound at URISA. I think that has been the most valuable part of the conference for me. In my 15 years with URISA, I’ve made many good friends, and I find that there is always a colleague I can call to get advice on any GIS problem.

The Conference Committee and I look forward to welcoming you to Chicago for our big anniversary celebration. See you there!

The URISA 2002 Conference Program and online registration is now available on the URISA website, www.urisa.org. Be sure to register early!

Call them Relics, Artifacts.... even Antiques

As we continue to prepare a retrospective celebrating the history of URISA and GIS in Chicago this October, we would appreciate your contribution to the presentation.

We are looking for photographs, perspectives, maps, insights, videos, tapes, etc. You can send items/files directly to Nancy Tosta (Ross & Associates Environmental Consulting, 1218 3rd Ave, Suite 1207, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 447-1805, nancy.tosta@ross-assoc.com) or to Wendy Francis (wfrancis@urisa.org) at URISA Headquarters.

We will do our best to ensure their safe return. Thanks in advance for your assistance and ideas.
Important URISA Dates to Remember

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GeoSpatial World 2002 Wrap-up

More than 730 customers, prospects, and exhibitors from 48 countries traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, June 10–12, for GeoSpatial World 2002, the second annual Intergraph GeoSpatial Users Community international training and management conference.

Noted industry leaders shared their knowledge and explained their vision for the future of GIS, and GeoMedia users had their first opportunity to view the additional capabilities and functionality of the new, GeoMedia 5.0. More than 190 well-attended technical sessions focused on customer applications, technology previews, and industry products and solutions while an array of international exhibitors showcased developments and fresh ideas for improving user workflows. A highlight of the conference, Intergraph Mapping and GIS Solutions’ IntelliWhere division presented its device- and data-independent solutions for location-based services (LBS).

Preetha Pulusani, president of Intergraph Mapping and GIS Solutions, officially kicked off the conference on Monday morning by presenting the company’s vision for the future of mapping and GIS. She discussed the company’s market leadership role and explored the effects of technological innovation on the industry. Stating that Intergraph Mapping and GIS Solutions is in the business of geospatial information management, she spoke about the industry-specific services and solutions offered by the company.

Monday afternoon began the break-out sessions that ran through Wednesday, with topics including GIS and GeoMedia in the classroom; solutions for local, regional and national governments; transportation industry solutions; management and strategic direction; solutions for the public works and utilities industry; land information management solutions; and products and technology. The new IGUC Homeland Security Network held its first meeting, covering the importance of geospatial data in homeland security and a review of strategies for data maintenance, interoperability, and technology collaboration within and between the public and private sectors.

Respected industry visionary, Vanessa Lawrence, director general and chief executive of Ordnance Survey Great Britain, set the tone for Tuesday with an insightful presentation on e-government in her organization, Britain’s national mapping agency. Lawrence explained her agency’s campaign to collect data for the entire country and the drive to modernize government in the United Kingdom.

On Tuesday evening, conferees relaxed at the GeoSpatial World Street Festival at Six Flags over Georgia amusement park. Following a dinner of barbecue and fried chicken, the bravest conference attendees tested their mettle on the wild roller coasters.

Richard Varn, CIO and director of the Information Technology Department for the state of Iowa, addressed the conference on Wednesday. He emphasized the importance of pairing the power of geospatial information systems with database systems to provide in-depth information for decision makers. He also spoke of the critical need to keep data up-to-the-minute because politicians, public officers, and other decision makers must depend on the data at hand.

GeoDecisions Corporation was presented with the first annual Transportation Partner of the Year award, in recognition of innovative geospatial data access capabilities and enterprise deployment.

The Awards for Cartographic Excellence went to the following entrants:
- Eliaz Shlomi, The Survey of Israel
- Irena Szczepanik and John Murray, City of Hamilton
- Marc Barthello and Jon Pollack, Transportation Engineering Agency

The Best Practices Award was presented to Michal Kucera and Jiří Machacek, Masaryk University of Brno, Czech Republic.

Winners in the Student Poster Competition were:
- Poster Competition I (K-12) – Jimmy Alexander Harper, Fountain Lake Cobra EAST Lab, USA
- Poster Competition II (community colleges, technical schools, universities, and distance-learning programs) – Thomas Hilker, Stuttgart University of Applied Sciences, Germany

As many of you know, in addition to being the Executive Director of URISA, I am also the part-time mayor of my hometown, Round Lake, IL (population 7,500). The village of Round Lake is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Illinois, our population is going to triple in the next five years, to roughly 22,000 and by the next census we should be over 30,000 where we will level off. As a point of reference the 1990 census of Round Lake was 3,600.

One of the village’s and the mayor’s biggest challenges is to manage growth and plan responsibly. I have tried to bring my business skills to the internal operation of the village and am trying to modernize internal village operations. By doing this I have uncovered numerous areas where information we have in a jumbled format (usually in paper format) could and should be organized systematically.

Recently we had a gentleman come to the village board complaining that something we did in his street led to his sewer backing up into his basement. As you can imagine he was quite upset when we told him we had not touched his street or sewers in well over two years. He wanted us to prove it to him. The Director of Public Works had maps that were filled in by hand as to what had been done, and the map was 11 years old and faded. In addition the map did not reflect any of the new areas in the village.

This poor gentleman, while not getting his way (which was having the village paying for a complete remodeling of his basement at a cost of $19,000), was “sort of” convinced of our innocence by this simple old-fashioned map. It very clearly stated that the village had not touched that street or that sector of the sewer line in well over two years.

As I have traveled to all our chapter conferences and attended all our URISA conferences in the last year. I have always been drawn to the map galleries. Seeing the visual representation of data in these map galleries, has led me to believe that the Village of Round Lake needs to implement a GIS system. While our old fashioned map did the job for us, it highlighted the need for a modern way of using maps in the village.

I had my village administrator do a cost analysis of the potential saving and the ability to control and integrate all our data in one place. The results of this survey were quite startling; the ability to have the data available to all departments and to have it up-to-date was very impressive. When I sat down with my trustees to talk about some of the village needs for the next fiscal year recently, I talked about the benefits of doing this project and they were all remarkably onboard.

So speaking as the Mayor of Round Lake, our conferences and educational programs have worked!

You are invited to participate in URISA’s 2002 Project Showcase. Bring your maps to the conference in Chicago and let others see how your work has helped solve problems in your organization. Contact Michele Meng at URISA Headquarters for details (847/824-6300, mmeng@urisa.org).

Student Initiative—A Smashing Success!

Welcome new URISA student members! Late last Fall I challenged URISA members to bring in 50 new student members. At last count we attracted more than 115 new, student members! Thanks for making this initiative a success! Special thanks to Harlan Onsrud for the special publicity to UCGIS members. Thanks to the URISA Board for the new, lower student membership rate of $20.00.

Hire, promote these new student members, and remember they are our future.
President’s Column

Not So Miscellaneous Ramblings—GIS Certification=More $$ for the Profession

by Peirce Eichelberger, URISA President, GIS Manager, Chester County, PA, peichelberger@chesco.org

Well, it looks like URISA’s initiative for GIS Certification is moving ahead nicely! Special thanks to the Certification Committee led by Bill Huxhold for this multi-year effort. There has been much discussion about certification—it’s role, the mechanics, various levels, what’s important, etc. But probably the most important issue is that it should lead to higher salaries for those certified. At the start of this year, my County did an across-the-board pay raise for the GIS titles from 6-15%! This was based on URISA’s 2000 Salary Survey for IT/GIS Professionals publication. Any kind of across-the-board raise is generally a rare thing in government—they are often viewed as inflationary, they create other inequities, etc. URISA has shown its leadership in this area with the Salary Survey and with GIS Certification, and that leadership will continue and grow.

Simply stated, GIS salaries have not kept pace. GIS staff are not only attracted by other governmental entities but by the private sector, vendors, engineering firms, and increasingly other businesses that have realized the value of the technology. In November of last year, I lost my two most senior staff to the private sector, both getting 30-40% pay raises. GIS staff do not have parity, yet, with other IT professionals in government. The best GIS people tend to have other expertise: IT, planning, engineering, surveying, business, etc. This cross-discipline perspective of GIS is seldom recognized or much less rewarded. Sometimes, I think, GIS people are so eager to go about their jobs, that salaries are not the first thing on their mind! Though at the recent PAGIS conference in Hershey, PA I asked a crowd of about 250 people, “Who here is paid too much?” No hands were raised. This idealism can be quickly leveraged for promotions outside their current organization. We often fail to measure the true cost of losing staff, training new staff and bringing people “up-to-speed”.

Certification is a good opportunity to educate Human Resources staff about the importance of the GIS discipline and its titles. As the Salary Survey helped my HR people, certification will be an ongoing reminder that GIS staff are not sitting still. URISA will need to get the certification message out, so salaries can be reviewed and examined. URISA will need to play an ongoing role in educating HR organizations. These actions will be needed:

1) Keep improving the URISA Salary Survey publication, include information on certification, as it becomes available, ensure broader participation, keep titles, and descriptions up-to-date;
2) Educate and inform HR organizations about the benefits, importance and impact of GIS certification via press releases, new stories, articles, HR conference attendance, publications, etc., and
3) Have a very successful certification “roll-out” during late 2002-2003.

URISA has already had a very positive impact on GIS salaries, and with certification its role will be even more critical.

Thank you to the members of the Certification Committee!
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**URISA Workshops at the IAAO Conference**

As the interest and use of GIS continues to increase within assessment offices, the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) and URISA have announced another program partnership. Two of URISA’s Certified Workshops will be presented during the IAAO’s annual conference in Los Angeles this October.

On Saturday, October 12, both *Introduction to GIS*, instructed by Barry Wellar, and *Managing GIS Implementation*, instructed by David Edwards, will be presented as pre-conference workshops.

For more information, or to register, contact the IAAO at (312) 819-6100 or toll free (800) 616-4226, or visit the IAAO website at www.iaao.org
This year’s ESRI User Conference in San Diego July 7-11 attracted nearly 11,000 attendees from 135 countries. These GIS professionals came from a variety of disciplines where their work involves facilities siting, aquifer depletion, global warming, onboard automobile mapping, and homeland security—the list goes on. The common thread linking these professionals is a clear understanding of the importance of GIS in their respective fields and a willingness and desire to share their knowledge in the advancement of the use of the technology.

During the plenary session, Jack Dangermond, president of ESRI, spoke of the evolution of GIS from addressing specific applications to its integration into a broad-based information system. “Geography and GIS help us understand the processes of how things work, and are fundamental if we are to sustain our world.” He said that access to the Internet is enabling us to share spatially related information and share our collective knowledge. GIS is helping organizations become more efficient, and that’s a key to sustainability. “By working together, the GIS community can make a significant contribution to the development of a sustainable future. With our spirit of collaboration, we can make a difference,” said Dangermond.

**President’s Award and Lifetime Achievement**

In other highlights of the plenary, Alan Leidner, Assistant Commissioner, GIS Sustainable Development and Elephant Conservation at the ESRI Conference

New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, received the President’s Award for his work in reconstructing a complete GIS within days after the September 11 tragedy.

Dangermond also honored Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman of the Board of the National Geographic Society, for his grassroots commitment to teachers and his unwavering belief that geography matters.

**Software Updates**

ESRI software technology developers unveiled new product enhancements and discussed the direction of ESRI research during the second part of the plenary session.

**Keynote—Elephant Stories**

The conference keynote speaker was Cynthia Moss, a natural historian who has spent more than three decades intimately studying the ecology and social behavior of an entire population of more than 1,800 elephants at Amboseli National Park in Kenya.

In 1972, Moss founded the Amboseli Elephant Research Project (AERP), which collects, analyzes, and disseminates data on the Amboseli elephants. By paying particular attention to behavioral differences among individual elephants, her work has provided important insights into the evolution of elephant behavior and the complex ways in which the animals respond to changes in their environment.

Moss has produced one of the most extensive data sets available for any population of large animals, and she is now at work synthesizing her findings and observations with the help of GIS. Her colleague, Dr. Harvey Croze, spoke about the evolution of the project’s data management and analysis from its beginning using paper maps with hand-recorded data to its present day use of satellite imagery to analyze spatial and temporal changes in the ecosystem.

Moss argues persuasively that elephants’ behavior and interaction with their environment significantly affect many other species of animals and plants, including humans. Her current work of mining her rich longitudinal data sets promises to provide a wealth of new information on animal behavior and in support of the conservation of a species. “We can all work together to keep elephants here,” says Moss.

To learn more about how you can support the conservation of African elephants, visit the AERP Web site at www.elephanttrust.org.

**Education User Conference Huge Success**

Dr. Michael Goodchild, keynote speaker for ESRI’s second annual edu-
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Among the many presentations was a display that demonstrated the many ways GIS is being used in the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition. With available historical information, students have the unique opportunity to compare 200 years of changes along the trail since the expedition.

ERISA’s Teller Committee recently met to tally the ballots for the 2002 Board of Directors Election. The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the results and thank all of the candidates who took part in this year’s election. The winners are:

For President—
- Daniel Parr, Dan Parr Associates, Takoma Park, MD

For Board Of Directors—(3 seats available)
- Kim H. McDonough, City of Nashville, Nashville, TN
- Nigel Roberts, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Kitchener, ON, Canada
- Mark J. Salling, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH

Newly-elected Board members will begin their terms at the conclusion of URISA’s 40th Annual Conference, on October 30, 2002.

Lyna Wiggins, Rutgers University, will reach the conclusion of her term as Past-President of the URISA Board and the following Board members will have reached the conclusion of their terms on that date:
- Dianne Haley, City of Calgary, AB, Canada
- Zorica Nedovic-Budic, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
- David Edwards, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV

Thanks for your dedication over the years!

Election Results Announced

URISA Publication Unveiled—Surveying and Land Records Glossary

This comprehensive glossary contains hundreds of definitions of key terms essential to the fields of assessment and land records management. The easy to use guide also provides a complete list of acronyms to help the reader make sense of the industry’s “alphabet soup”. The terms were sampled from among dozens of essential sources, including commonly-used land surveying texts as well as legal dictionaries and existing geographic information systems glossaries. These terms help remove ambiguity and provide the reader with a solid framework of the language and syntax that make up the field. This glossary is a one-stop guidebook for any GIS professional no matter what their level of experience. A must for your office library!

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Mecklenburg County GIS Wins National Award

Mecklenburg County GIS Application Development has been awarded the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) 2002 Achievement Award for its Well Information System. This Internet mapping application (http://maps.co.mecklenburg.nc.us/wells/) is designed to allow citizens to easily obtain information concerning sampling of water supply wells within Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Well water in the County is sampled and analyzed by the Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection, the Mecklenburg County Health Department - Environmental Health Division, and the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Mooresville Regional Office Groundwater Section. This application is jointly sponsored by these three organizations.

This is one of the very few instances in the United States where multiple agencies such as these have pooled their data resources and made them available to the public in one central, easy-to-access database via the Internet. In a first for North Carolina, Mecklenburg County has made public records on drinking water wells, including polluted sites, more accessible to the public and easily obtainable. The Well Information System pulls together information from County and State agencies that test well water or investigate groundwater contamination. It’s a milestone because well records have been so scattered that no one knew how many of these wells were in use in Mecklenburg County. Water supply wells are sampled by three different County and State agencies in Mecklenburg County. Each of these agencies conducts different tests, looks for slightly different information, and stores its results in different formats. For some time, these agencies have realized that these differences were a point of confusion for the public attempting to obtain information about the testing results. The purpose of the Well Information System is to consolidate this information and present it to the public in a seamless manner through an Internet mapping application.

The need for this type of information certainly goes outside the Mecklenburg County borders. The Charlotte Observer reported that Michael Thompson, a resident of nearby Stanly County, and his four children unknowingly drank well water laced with gasoline. “They didn’t tell me there was fuel in the water,” Thompson said. “The smell of the water will actually burn your eyes. Brushing your teeth will make you want to gag.” State groundwater officials stated that water from a newly drilled well near Mr. Thompson’s apartment had unhealthy levels of MTBE, a gasoline additive, and benzene. This is the type of citizen that the Well Information System hopes to help. Had Mr. Thompson known about this problem earlier, he would certainly have taken steps to protect his family.

About GIS Application Development

Mecklenburg County GIS Application Development is a team of professionals in Property Assessment and Land Records Management trained in the use and implementation of GIS software and techniques. The team’s goal is to design, develop, and support innovative, state of the art GIS systems to empower its customers (Mecklenburg County departments, City of Charlotte departments, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, and taxpayers). The Team has been recognized many times for its commitment to excellence. The manager for the team is Tammy Dixon. Bruce Smith, Senior Systems Analyst, developed the Well Information System.

Code of Ethics for GIS Certification

The URISA Certification Committee has announced its draft of a Code of Ethics for GIS Professionals. This Code of Ethics is intended to provide guidelines for GIS professionals to help them make appropriate and ethical choices. It should provide a basis for evaluating their work and the work of others from a moral point of view. Individuals violating this code may be sanctioned by their professional colleagues. By following this code, GIS professionals will help to preserve and enhance public trust in the discipline. Visit the URISA website at www.urisa.org for the full text of the Code of Ethics.
Industry News

The Sidwell Company became NovaLIS Technologies’ newest partner, joining the NovaLIS Joint Developer Program and the Reseller Program. Prior to becoming an official partner, Sidwell worked with NovaLIS to develop tools for its ArchMap parcel maintenance solution, Parcel Editor.

Blue Marble Geographics has released version 6.0 of the TIGER to Shapefiles and TIGER to MIF translators which are part of the TIGER/Line 2000 Map Kit.

Intergraph Mapping & GIS Solutions, in collaboration with Keigian Systems, announced the GeoMedia Grid, which allows users to apply grid workflows from within GeoMedia.

LizardTech, Inc. has released the latest version of its MrSID Encode Software Development Kit, version 3.1.5.

DigitalGlobe has announced that it has entered into full commercial operations by offering its QuickBird imagery products to the global marketplace. The company also announced plans to launch its next-generation remote sensing system - M5. The company has been working with Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. and ITT Industries for the past two years to develop M5 with the first satellite in the M5 constella-

Bluegrass GIS, Inc. has announced it has successfully migrated an existing ArcInfo 7.2.1 and ArcStorm system to ArcGIS 8 with an enterprise geodatabase housed in Oracle 8.1.6 and ArcSDE 8 for Nashville (TN) Electric Service.

DMTI Spatial announced the release of GeoPinpoint, a multi-platform geocoding and address management software solution.

Intergraph Mapping and GIS Solutions announced that the City of Winnipeg Water and Waste Department has successfully implemented a water and wastewater geospatial infrastructure management system using GeoMedia technology. The city database serves 178 square miles and contains over 200,000 pipe segments and more than 1,000,000 additional features.

DeLorme has announced the availability of GeoSpider, which features a high performance 3D Network Adjustment engine developed by Alfred Leick. GeoSpider is capable of performing terrestrial, GPS only, or combined GPS and terrestrial adjustments on networks of virtually any size. The company has also announced Xmap Handheld Street Atlas USA Edition, a mapping program that lets users access maps and directions on either Pocket PC or Palm OS handhelds.

ESRI announced plans to integrate GeoFusion, Inc.’s GeoMatrix™ Toolkit technology into the ArcGIS family of GIS software. GeoFusion’s technology provides three-dimensional visualization of virtually unlimited amounts of imagery, terrain, vector, and annotation data from outer space to street level.

ESRI also announced that new commercial data from Geographic Data Technology, Inc. (GDT), has been added to the Geography Network’s extensive collection of georeferenced data. Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) flood data has also been added to the Geography Network.

Autodesk, Inc. formally announced the formation of a Global GIS Customer Council (GCC) to provide a collective customer voice to integrate customer needs with Autodesk GIS products, services, and strategic direction worldwide.

People News

Karen Siderelis, Geographic Information Officer (GIO) of the US Geological Survey, will present the keynote address at the 15th Annual GIS in the Rockies Conference and Exhibition. The keynote is scheduled on Wednesday, October 9th at the Plaza at the Mart.

Dr. Jon Arvik, Chief Technologist and Director of Commercial Development at Mississippi State University’s (MSU) Remote Sensing Technologies Center (RSTC), has taken a two-year assignment at the NASA Stennis Space Center.

Digital Data Technologies, Inc. has recently announced some additions to its staff, welcoming Jeannine Julian, Tim Anderson and Tyson Trotter.

Karen Morley was recently named Director of Product Management, Geospatial Imaging for LizardTech.

Craig Snapp has recently assumed the new position of Chief Technology Officer at CompassCom, Inc. and Montie Carr is the new Chief Marketing Officer.

Wayne Baird has recently joined Aero-Metric, Inc. as the Photogrammetric Department Manager.

Kinetic Solutions recently promoted David Hosking to President and CEO of the company.

Michael Goodchild, Professor of Geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was the recipient of the 2002 University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Educator of the Year Award. Dr. Reginald Colledge was awarded the UCGIS 2002 Research Award.

UCGIS also announced the selection of its Young Scholars during its Summer Assembly. Dr. Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University, and Dr. Soe Win Myint, University of Oklahoma are the Intergraph Corporation Scholars. Dr. Yongmei Lu, Southwest Texas University, and Dr. David Tulloch, Rutgers University, are the ESRI scholars.

Autodesk announced it has appointed Ernesto Diaz senior director of marketing for the GIS Solutions Division.

Project Awards

Merrick & Company is mapping all above and below ground utility features on the 10-square mile Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, CO. The $400,000 contract calls for Merrick to locate all utility features, including water, sewer, storm, electrical, natural gas, communications, fiber optics and navigation aids, within an extensive 1.75 million linear feet utility network. October 2002 is the anticipated completion date.

Jefferson County, Alabama selected NovaLIS Technologies’ Assessment Office to provide a property appraisal and management system for its 350,000 properties.

ESRI is pleased to announce that HNIT-Baltic GeoinfoServisas, its distributor in Lithuania, has won a contract to supply GIS and image processing software as well as related services to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania. The GIS will be part of a nationwide Integrated Administrative and Control System (IACS), which is a prerequisite to Lithuania’s European Union (EU) membership.

BAE Systems ADR has been awarded an open-end contract for three years with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Services include: aerial photography, planimetric and topographic mapping, digital orthophotography and LIDAR data acquisition.

The Forest Engineering Division of Thailand’s Royal Forestry Department recently purchased 100 units of Leica Geosystems’ GIS & Mapping Division’s G55+ data collectors.

The City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma selected Topographic for a GIS assessment project, with a goal of developing a strategic plan of implementation for a GIS.

Geographic Technologies Group recently completed an Addressing and GIS Data Management Needs Assessment for the City of Roanoke, VA.

The Sidwell Company was awarded a contract by Jasper County, Iowa for professional mapping services.

PlanGraphics Inc. has been contract by the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Technology Officer to update their aerial photo base map. Digital ortho photos from ISTAR Americas, Inc. will be used.
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