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Avineon/ Field Data Services Awarded GIS Implementation contract by Upper Peninsula Power Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

Clearwater, FL (November 5, 2003): Avineon, Inc., a leading provider of geospatial solutions, today announced that Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) selected the team of Field Data Services, Inc. (FDSI) and Avineon, Inc. to implement a geographic information system (GIS) for UPPCO. The project began in September, 2003.

Both UPPCO and WPSC are subsidiaries of WPS Resources Corporation. UPPCO provides electricity to customers in 10 of the 15 counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. WPSC provides electricity and natural gas to customers in central and northeastern Wisconsin.

The project will integrate UPPCO's electric facilities into GE Network Solutions Smallworld GIS, known as WPSC's EAGLE (Enterprise Applications for Gas, Land and Electric) System. WPSC will store, maintain, distribute, and update the GIS for UPPCO. The project requires the creation of a digital landbase and a complete field inventory of the overhead and parts of the underground electric distribution system throughout the UPPCO service territory. The main inventory portion of the project will consist of approximately 71,500 poles.

Avineon will acquire Michigan Geographic framework landbase data and use ESRI tools to merge, conflate, and enhance the data with additional landbase features from supplemental sources. The landbase will be provided to FDSI for use in their handheld data collectors during field inventory. Once FDSI completes the inventory of an overhead network circuit, they will submit the digital field data to Avineon for further processing and loading into the EAGLE extract. Once the overhead data is loaded, Avineon will add underground facilities from existing UPPCO source records directly into EAGLE. When completed, UPPCO will have a fully connected model of the land and facility data in the EAGLE Smallworld format. All production work will be performed in Avineon's Clearwater GIS facility.

About Avineon:

Avineon, with offices in the United States, Europe, and India, is among the world's leading technical service providers of GIS Data Conversion/Migration/Maintenance outsourcing services, engineering services, photogrammetric mapping, stereo-compilation, photointerpretation and remote sensing, environmental mapping, landbase and facilities data capture, database development, web services, network design and administration, software engineering, and systems integration.

About Field Data Services:

Field Data Services, Denver, CO, is an industry leader in field inventory services. For 18 years FDSI has been assisting utility companies with GIS and Asset Management project implementations involving a wide range of field inventory requirements. Projects include complete inventories from the substation fence to the meter, including phasing, wire type and size, attachment audits, structure tagging, transformer/meter relationships, streetlights, GPS collection and field audits of existing GIS/asset data.

For more information about Avineon, please visit www.avineon.com.

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