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South Florida Water Management District Awards Land Cover / Land Use GIS Mapping Project to Avineon

Clearwater, FL (September 22, 2003): Avineon, Inc., a leading provider of environmental mapping services, today announced that it has been awarded a two year contract for mapping Land Cover and Land Use (LCLU) for the boundaries covered by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD).

The mapping process will employ a combination of digital imagery, aerial photography, ancillary data, and fieldwork to produce a highly detailed dataset. Land cover mapping will require the photointerpretation of vegetation types and associated natural habitats while land use mapping will require the identification of man-made or cultural features within the District's boundaries. In conjunction with producing the LCLU data layer, Avineon will deliver parcel coverages containing property appraiser land use zoning codes for each county within the District. All data will be delivered as a geographic information system (GIS) digital dataset.

SFWMD's jurisdiction includes approximately 18,000 square miles and 16 counties -- extending from the southern Orlando area south to Key West and from Fort Myers on the west coast to Fort Pierce on the east coast. Prominent natural features located within the district include the Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and many state parks. Vegetation in such areas will be mapped using color infrared imagery coupled with field visits. Most of the coastal fringe area consists of high density residential, commercial, and industrial uses while the interior is comprised of various environmental conservation areas and agricultural uses, which will be mapped using a combination of photointerpretation and ancillary data.

Avineon enjoys a strong reputation among its many clients, which include four of the five water management districts in Florida. Avineon's staff includes biologists, geologists, ecologists, and geographers who have completed GIS mapping projects in every state of the U.S., as well as many international locations.

"The key to winning this project is our photointerpretation and GIS expertise," said Keith Patterson, Director of Photogrammetry, Mapping and GIS. "Our staff has completed many similarly difficult mapping assignments. The data produced by this project will enable the District to better protect the region's natural resources."

About Avineon:

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

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