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Landmark appoints new Head of Artificial Intelligence



Landmark Information

Group has appointed **Kris Clark** as its Head of Artificial Intelligence (AI), where he will be responsible for the ongoing development and execution of its AI strategy across the organisation. Kris has over 15 years' experience in the collation and digitisation of land and property data, as well as in the design, development and product management of legal conveyancing reports. The main focus of the role is to grow Landmark's AI capabilities, in addition to finding practical applications for machine learning and robotic solutions across the wider Group. He will also be responsible for designing innovative concepts for new products and services that will streamline and improve the property transaction process. Talking about his new role, Kris Clark said: "As Landmark's Head of AI, I look forward to building on our existing capabilities and identifying new ways of joining existing systems, processes and data together using AI, machine learning and other emerging technologies." www.landmark.co.uk

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GeoPlace announces new Managing Director



GeoPlace has announced the appointment of **Nick Chapallaz** as its new Managing Director. Nick is a widely published and highly respected location-based systems and services expert with experience as an advisor to local authorities, central government agencies and private sector businesses. He has a strong track record in the use of information and communication technologies to improve the activities of both public and private sector organisations. As a member of the original committee for the creation of the BS 7666 Standard for Addressing and a Research Fellow for the National Land Information Service (NLIS), Nick has a deep understanding of the development and adoption of location standards and processes. During the e-Government era he was a lead advisor on high-profile programmes. Immediately before he started at GeoPlace, Nick provided strategic consulting services to public and private sector organisations with a focus on business process improvement, spatial economic analysis and proposition development. www.geoplace.co.uk

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Ecometrica Wins US Environmental Leader Product of the Year Award



Ecometrica has won the prestigious **US Environmental Leader Product of the Year Award** for the third consecutive year for its Ecometrica Platform, which helps business, governments and society to understand and monitor environmental impacts, and protect the planet's resources for existing and future generations. The Environmental Leader judges described Ecometrica Platform as a "proven software package with impressive business applications and results". They added: "Ecometrica's system is certainly world class in this respect. It combines multiple technologies into a single platform." **Gary Davis, chief executive of Ecometrica,** said: "It is an honour to win the Environmental Leader Product of the Year for a third year in a row. It's a testament to the quality of the Ecometrica Platform, which is redefining and setting the global standard for geospatial sustainability reporting and also to the ability of our talented team to constantly innovate and evolve in response to technological advancements." www.ecometrica.com

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Maptitude Mapping Software Team Provides Awards & Prizes

The **Business Geography Specialty Group (BGSG)** of the **Association of American Geographers (AAG)** announced the winners of the **2018 Student Paper Competition in Business Geography** at the 2018 AAG Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The purpose of this competition is to promote scholarship and written and oral presentation by students in the field. Papers are invited from current graduate and undergraduate students on any topic in business geography including Retail, Real Estate, Financial Services, Insurance, Manufacturing, Transportation, Marketing, Risk Assessment and Risk Management as well as Supply Chain Management and Logistics. The **Maptitude** mapping software team is proud to have provided corporate sponsorship for the Student Paper Competition. The prizes benefit students in higher education studying geography, with the goal to help develop business geography professionals. **The 2018 winners are:** First place: **Joe Aversa**, Ryerson University. Second Place: **Alisa Hartsell**, Texas State University. www.caliper.com

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Kao Data, nominated for two awards at the Datacloud Awards

Widely accepted as the ultimate honour for any company within the data centre and cloud industry, the **Datacloud Awards** recognise true innovation and technological transformation. Amongst the nominees for this year's awards, which are to be held at the spectacular Salles des Étoiles in Monte Carlo, includes **Kao Data**, the portfolio company of the leading PropTech firm, **Goldacre**. The family-led company has established itself as the go-to for investing in, advising and managing early-stage PropTech investments in the UK, Europe and Israel. Kao Data is one of the UK's largest campuses and is already implementing a strategy for further expansion, reflecting the ever-increasing demand for data services to support digital industries. Kao Data campus delivers revolutionary, carrier-neutral data centre space in the London area. Stretching across a variety of data-focused industries – from life sciences, financial services, geo-spatial technology, media, and telecommunication. www.kaodata.com

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Karl Kemp Joins Novara GeoSolutions

Novara GeoSolutions (Novara) announced **Karl Kemp** has joined the company as director of software development in its Norwell, MA office. Karl will lead Novara's software development for a wide range of GIS, consulting and mapping services. "We are excited to have Karl onboard," says **Neal O'Driscoll** president of Novara. "Karl will direct the overall product development and manage incoming projects through completion. His track record of being able to analyze, design and develop software enhancements and new modules is outstanding and our clients will greatly benefit from this experience. As an example, he has previously developed an electronic system that allowed multiple regulatory forms to be produced from a single inspection, intelligently flagged failures, and helped predict impending failures. This design also provided new insights into substation assets and processes." Karl has more than 19 years of experience in strategic and tactical planning, project management, process improvement, and team building. www.novarageo.com