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GSSI Announces New Technical Applications Specialist

GSSI is pleased to announce the hire of **Brett Caldwell** to the position of **Technical Applications Specialist** supporting the geophysical, geotechnical, environmental, and academic markets. Brett is a GPR Technician with a diverse background in geosciences and construction. After serving in the US Army's 10th Mountain Division Core Air Defense Element as an Assistant Operations Sergeant, Brett worked in a variety of customer facing positions, including sales, coaching, and management positions in the automotive and athletic apparel industries. Brett then studied Geology at Towson University before beginning his work for Penhall Technologies, first as a GPR analyst, and then as a field supervisor, in which he managed all aspects of GPR activities for Penhall in the Central United States Region. In a Facebook post announcing being hired by GSSI, Brett explained his longtime desire to join the GSSI team, writing that "Every experience I have had as a consumer of their [GSSI's] GPR products has been nothing short of positive." www.geophysical.com

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Environment Agency Incident Management Portal Receives International Award



The **Environment Agency's Incident Management (IM) Portal** has been awarded a '**Special Achievement in GIS) Award** at the 2018 **International ESRI User Conference** in recognition of its outstanding use of GIS technology. **Stuart Bonthron**, **Esri UK Managing Director**, visited the Environment Agency office in Bristol where he presented the award. **Catherine Wright**, **Director for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management** said, "The Incident Management Portal is just one example of how the Environment Agency is working to improve incident response. The portal is a great example of how the Environment Agency is using technology to improve its response to environmental incidents – from flooding and droughts to tackling waste crime and improving biodiversity. It has revolutionised how we collect and use data during incidents by providing real-time data and images to our incident rooms across the country. It is an honour to accept this international award on behalf of the team who have created this innovative system." www.environment-agency.gov.uk

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2018 URISA Exemplary Systems in Government Award Recipients Announced

URISA is pleased to announce the recipients of **2018 Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) Awards**. Applications were submitted within Enterprise and Single Process System categories. **Enterprise System Category** - Systems in this category are outstanding and working examples of using information systems technology in a multi-department environment as part of an integrated process. **The 2018 Enterprise System Category Winner is The Assessor Portal submitted by the County of Los Angeles Office of the Assessor, Los Angeles, California. Single Process System Category** - Systems in this category are outstanding and working examples of applying information system technology to automate a specific single process or operation involving one department or sub-unit of an agency. **The 2018 Single Process System Category Winner is Cook County Medical Examiner Maps and Data Portal submitted by Joel Inwood, Public Information Officer, Cook County Bureau of Technology, Chicago, Illinois.** www.urisa.org

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Prestigious \$20,000 prize awarded to futuristic 'drone ambulance'



A prestigious \$20,000 prize has been won by the designer of a futuristic 'drone ambulance'. **Vincenzo Navaneri**, 34, from Italy was awarded the Prince Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon Grant, worth \$20,000, at the 2nd **FAI International Drones Conference and Expo** held in Lausanne on 1 September 2018. He won the grant to help him and his team develop their idea of a self-piloting drone ambulance that could carry a single person for up to 150km at 110km/h. Collecting the award Mr Navaneri, said: "It is a pleasure to receive this grant, and to use it for development. As a company it is what we need. And, more than my own business, it will support the general development of this type of technology." The award was given to Mr Navaneri for his idea for a drone ambulance for emergency rescue. Navaneri, an engineer, developed the idea of an autonomous "aero ambulance" that could quickly and easily evacuate a single person. www.fai.org

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Martek Announce New Head of Counter-Drone Technology M.A.D.S



Martek Marine are pleased to announce the official appointment of **Erik van Wilsum** as Head of M.A.D.STM, the marine anti-drone system. Erik brings a wealth of insightful knowledge and expertise from a variety of roles ranging across the power electronics and counter UAS industries. His passion for the maritime industry coupled with his experience of product development sets him up for abundant success at Martek. Recent years have seen a massive advance in drone endurance, range and payload capacity whilst the price has also plummeted, leading to a proliferation of drones expected to reach 12million by 2020. M.A.D.STM detects and identifies commercial drones within a 5+km range, providing GPS positioning of both drone & pilot together with the drone's speed & heading. Configurable and escalating stage alarms in real time allow the threat level to be assessed in good time. www.martek-marine.com

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Juniper Systems Limited Expands Into the Nordics, Welcomes Paul Collins



Juniper Systems Limited today announced its expansion into the Nordics area of Northern Europe, with the addition of **Mr Paul Collins**, of Blekinge Län, Sweden, as the area's designated Business Development Representative. 'We're very excited about Juniper Systems' continued growth throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Africa', commented **Mr Simon Bowe**, **general manager of Juniper Systems Limited** near Birmingham, U.K. 'Our superior quality, rugged handheld computers are becoming widely recognised. In 2017 we increased our presence in Germany and Austria, and our business continues to grow in the Nordics. We knew it was time to dedicate a representative to serve our partners and customers there', said Mr Bowe. Prior to joining Juniper Systems, Mr Collins began working in the security industry, and since 2002 has built a distinguished career working for manufacturers in the fire-detection industry. Over that 16-year span he focused on building long-term, mutually-beneficial, strategic partnerships to help customers protect and save lives. www.junipersys.com