JBA Comprehensive Flood Map launches on Landmark Labs

Landmark Information Group has released on to the Landmark Labs portal, a sample dataset of **JBA Risk Management Limited**'s latest **Comprehensive Flood Map of Great Britain**, to enable land, property and environmental professionals to preview JBA's extensive flood risk data and give feedback on its potential applications and suitability. By accessing the sample data on Landmark Labs, users have the ability to interrogate JBA's extensive flood datasets in the vicinity of Goring-by-Sea, showcasing the highly detailed flooding extents and associated flooding depth information. The sample provides a preview of the new datasets that are now available and provides users with an even greater breadth of flood risk assessment information. www.envirocheck.co.uk www.jbarisk.com

1Spatial Delivers Ordnance Survey Ireland Data Platform for Growth

1Spatial has deployed its **1Spatial Management Suite** (1SMS) at **Ordnance Survey Ireland** (OSi) to populate and manage the organisation's new real-world object database, **PRIME2**. Activities that would typically have taken weeks in the past, can now be done in just days. **OSi** has seen a steady increase in demand for reliable spatial data, in particular to inform decision-making within government bodies. The organisation used 1Spatial Management Suite to move from managing cartographic content to running a real-world, object-oriented data model; a digital representation of the landscape made-up of over 50 million individual objects, each with its own **Globally Unique Identifier** (GUID). **Colin Bray, Chief Executive Officer** commented "This move to a real-word, features-based database has been one of the largest innovations we've undertaken". www.1spatial.com

Ordnance Survey extends OS MapFinder app to Kindle market

Ordnance Survey's popular **OS MapFinder** app is now available on the **Kindle Fire HDX**. **Nick Giles Managing Director of Ordnance Survey Leisure**, said: "We are delighted to bring our hugely successful application, OS MapFinder to the Kindle market. OS MapFinder is free to download, from the Amazon App Store, and provides free overview mapping for the whole of Great Britain." A unique feature of the fast and easy to use app is the tile download facility, which provides users with the ultimate freedom to choose the maps they want. All maps can be used even without a Wi-Fi or mobile signal, improving reliability and the experience of using the maps outdoors. www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

Peter Fitzgibbon, Editor

What's up Gov?

The news that that Ordnance Survey transferred from being a Trading Fund to a government-owned Company (GovCo) on 1April came as little surprise, having been trailed for some months.

Sir Rob Margetts CBE, Ordnance Survey Non-Executive Chair, says that the transfer to a GovCo will provide a conventional business structure for sustainable long-term growth, investment and product development. And, indeed, the move does give Ordnance Survey the flexibility to enter into private sector mergers without the usual constraints placed on the civil service.

But could the extra freedom conferred by GovCo status be regarded as another step on the road to privatisation? The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) says not. Yet many will be wondering at the intentions of the Shareholder Executive (the body within BIS that manages the Government's financial interest in Ordnance Survey) following last year's furore over leaked plans for the privatisation of another organisation within its remit, the Land Registry.

Ordnance Survey says that new directors for the GovCo will be announced in due course. Perhaps the background of those appointed will provide a clearer pointer as to those intentions .. and to the future for open data.

AVEVA acquires 8over8 Limited

AVEVA has acquired **8over8 Limited** which provides the software platform to address the current global need for increased project control, capital discipline, minimising project overruns, and delivering improved efficiency in operations. 8over8's flagship product is **ProCon**, a risk management software platform that connects **Owner Operators** (OOs) and **Engineering Procurement Construction** companies (EPCs) throughout the project life cycle. providing real-time risk management for major capital projects. **Richard Longdon, CEO, AVEVA** said, "By acquiring 8over8, AVEVA is uniquely placed to ensure both technical and contractual integrity changes are captured during the project life cycle and provides further proof of AVEVA's ongoing strategy to grow its business both organically and through acquisition." **www.aveva.com**

Getmapping Introduces Multiple Enhancements to its Online GIS

Getmapping has released **version 6** of its highly successful multi-featured **Online GIS**. The new version has been enhanced with support for Worldwide projections, a module for publishing **INSPIRE-compliant WMS/WFS** and a new module for Getmapping's panoramic imagery product, **Street Layer**. Getmapping's Online GIS, together with its associated 'Cloud' storage and built in national mapping layers, allows organisations to share information across their users and clients anywhere in the world. By taking advantage of Getmapping's high speed Data Centre Online GIS can be used as the primary web mapping tool to share a range of map layers including aerial imagery, local mapping, environmental data, and the customer's own data. **www.getmapping.com**

Sierra Support Services increases productivity by 12% with Telogis

Sierra Support Services has recently invested in the **Telogis** platform to manage customer service operations that it provides on behalf of major telecommunications companies in Ireland. Using Telogis Fleet to manage its customer equipment collection service Sierra has seen significant productivity gains in its van fleet operations. **Glen McGarry, Equipment Collections Manager at Sierra** explained: "We have been using Telogis Route for just a year and have already achieved a 12% increase in productivity in our fleet out on the road." Mr McGarry uses the **Telogis Route Planning Suite** to plan each driver's day within a certain geographical footprint. He claims significant business benefits through hours saved daily as a result of efficient planning. **www.telogis.co.uk**

Newham Simplifies School Admissions With New App

Newham Council has one of the largest number of school pupils in London. Recognising this, Newham has developed a **'School Locator'** app, which integrates with its existing admissions system and is powered using the council's definitive index of addresses, each of which contains a geographic co-ordinate giving a precise location on the map, together with a **Unique Property Reference Number** (UPRN). The app enables the rapid calculation of accurate catchment and distance information for each pupil and school preference. The same system is used by the school admission team and parents, which enhances transparency and clear communication about the process. **www.geoplace.co.uk**

Prestigious national award for Cheshire FRS

By using the **VSTEP RescueSim Incident Command Simulator**, the **Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service** is proud to announce that their **Incident Command Training Suite** (ICTS) has been shortlisted for the '**Driving Efficiency Through Technology**' award, which is part of the acclaimed **LGC (Local Government Chronicle) Awards**. The Cheshire Fire and Rescue Services have recently extended their partnership with **VSTEP simulation** prompting further cooperation and development to remain at the pinnacle of incident command training and simulation. Cheshire FRS Incident command training suite (ICTS) meets all the criteria for this new award. Opened in 2010, the suite has been hailed as one of the best training facilities of its kind in the UK. **www.vstepsimulation.com**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue selects Cadcorp for its corporate GIS

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority has selected **Cadcorp** for their corporate GIS. This brings the number of UK fire and rescue services using **Cadcorp GIS** software to forty one. Cadcorp will supply and implement a GIS solution comprising a number of **Map Modeller** desktop licences and **Web Map Layers**, Cadcorp's web mapping application. Training and consultancy services, are also included, and support and maintenance will be provided for the lifetime of the contract. **Nicola Smith, Business and Intelligence Performance Manager at Cambridgeshire FRS** explained "We are establishing a web mapping service which will enable anyone to access maps along with a range of geographic information via our intranet." **www.cadcorp.com**

Gloucestershire Constabulary sign up for Airwave's Pronto

Gloucestershire Constabulary has signed a four-year contract with **Airwave** to implement the **Pronto electronic notebook** and suite of policing applications for their police officers. The initial rollout will see approximately 700 police officers issued with devices pre-loaded with applications that will facilitate the force's move into a paperless environment. The device facilitates remote and mobile access to all local and national backend systems such as the **Police National Computer** (PNC), **Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harrasment** (DASH) forms, collision reports, as well as the force command and control and crime and intelligence systems. "This software solution will help us to streamline police processes and reduce paperwork enabling officers to be more visible and accessible to the public they serve," says **Neil Mantle, Chief Superintendent, Gloucestershire Constabulary. www.airwavesolutions.co.uk**