



Yotta DCL, to better manage highways information

Yotta will be surveying the country's road network, which includes 22 local authorities and the trunk roads managed by the Welsh Assembly Government.

A comprehensive condition survey of approximately 15000km of road will be carried out by Yotta's Scanner vehicles each year alone. The contract also includes Coarse Visual Inspections (CVI), Detailed Visual Inspections (DVI), SCRIM and Deflectograph surveys as part of the four

year deal. Simon Philips, operations manager at Yotta DCL said: "Yotta is extremely proud to have won this four year contract with the Welsh Assembly Government. Our commitment to providing customers with high quality data will allow local authorities in Wales to better manage its highways information. We're looking forward to working with each Local Authority in Wales to build a strong lasting relationship."

www.yottadcl.com

Surveying critical infrastructure changes

Surveyors from Ordnance Survey have been in Workington, Cumbria, recently to start the task of mapping the changes after November's floods. The changes to bridges, Workington Railway Station and the road network will be reflected in their OS MasterMap Topography and Integrated Transport Network Layers from next year, forming a fraction of the 5,000 changes being made to the national mapping agency's database each day.

The first changes to be made have been the addition of the new army-built Barker Bridge and the Workington temporary railway station. Additionally, changes have been made to Ordnance Survey's road network information, which is used in a wide range of transport information and vehicle routing applications. Ordnance Survey has worked with Cumbria County Council



to identify the changes that need to be made. Through continued liaison with the local authority all the other bridges in the county that are still closed, condemned or collapsed will also be recorded and updated as required. The map updates have already been made available to those local authorities, government departments, emergency services, businesses and people who continue to rely on Ordnance Survey data each day.

www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

UK Gazetteer Best Practice Day

After a hugely successful event at Cardiff Council in October, the date for the second UK Gazetteer Best Practice Day has been announced as **24th February 2010**. The event, that is sponsored by Gazetteer Specialists Aligned Assets and held in association with GEO:connexion UK, will be hosted by the London Borough of Southwark and is designed for all people involved in either gazetteer management directly or those who use gazetteer data such as GIS specialists. Attendance is completely free of charge.

Last October the 40 delegates representing more than 20 organisations, were treated

to eight presentations covering a wide range of topics on all things related to BS7666 gazetteers from using web services to increase efficiency, through to issues surrounding Welsh/English bilingualism. There was even a last minute presentation about the FiReControl project after the intended speaker on street gazetteers fell victim to swine flu.

To top it all, twelve of AA's customers were recognised across 15 separate categories at the 2009 NLP / NSG Exemplar Awards!

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Revolutionising Surveying in China

3D Laser Mapping has delivered the first laser based mobile mapping system to China. The projects include: the high precision mapping of the Peking University Campus, 3D modelling of road tunnels in Beijing together with highway surveying for road construction and network planning. The StreetMapper system, was also used as part of a project to assess, analyse and manage public safety and security ahead of the 11th National Games of the Peoples Republic of China, capturing data to produce detailed 3D models in support of scenario planning and incident simulation. The National Games of the Peoples Republic of China is the most premier sports event of China at a National Level and is even referred to by some as 'China's Olympics'.

"We have clearly shown the potential of StreetMapper, in both real world projects and commercial demonstrations, to capture high accuracy, high resolution 3D data far superior to the capabilities of other systems and methodologies," commented Dr Liang Tang, President and CEO of Teclawn HT. "Having obtained this evidence we are determined to maximise this potential using the StreetMapper system to revolutionise the surveying element of projects across China."

www.3dlasermapping.com

Industry: Latest Awards

Innogistic (www.innogistic.co.uk) Innogistic Customer, Yorkshire Water, has been awarded a finalists place in the Environmental Category at the 2009 Utility Industry Achievement Awards. The company has been nominated for its Biodiversity Action Plan (aka BAP), a key element of which is the implementation of GIS based tools developed by Innogistic.

The GeoInformation Group (www.citiesrevealed.com) Customers of The GeoInformation® Group, publishers of Cities Revealed aerial photography and UKMap, have received recognition for their technology innovation at the Association for Geographic Information's (AGI) 2009 award ceremony. Scotia Gas Networks was highly commended in the Private Sector category for the use of Cities Revealed Building Class data to improve the measurement of gas leakage and management of its networks' integrity.

