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Press Release

BKS ARE IN THE 'FRAME'

BKS Surveys Limited has been awarded a framework agreement under the new OGCBuying.solutions framework for 'Geographic Information Services and Solutions' (GISS).

BKS is now one of ten chosen approved suppliers under lot 2 – 'GI Mapping Services' and lot 3 – GI Data Services.

'GI Mapping Services' will see BKS supplying aerial photography, photogrammetric mapping, orthophotography, rotary and fixed wing LiDAR data, geodetic control and land surveying services as well as terrestrial laser scanning, processing of satellite imagery, 3D city modelling and visualisations, CLEARCONE® remote higher precision highway surveying, hydrographic and bathymetric surveying.

Through this framework, BKS are also able to supply off-the-shelf aerial photography and orthophotography from the GetMapping Millennium Map®.

For the first time, LiDAR data acquired using the FLI-MAP low-level LiDAR system can be procured through the GISS framework. The FLI-MAP system provides highly accurate and ultra high density laser point clouds for use in digital terrain mapping or for the derivation of topographical survey for corridor mapping applications.

GIS data capture and conversion services, including scanning and georeferencing of paper based maps and textual records, capture of spatial polygonal and textual databases for integration to GIS systems, Positional Accuracy Improvement correction will be available under the 'GI Data Services' category. Other key services include GIS consultancy including records and data audits, project planning and GIS strategies as well as software development and training.

Lynn Neill, BKS Managing Director comments, 'We are absolutely delighted to have been successful on both our bids under the new framework. Having been a SCAT approved supplier over the past four years we look forward to participating in an even bigger and more effective scheme.'

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Notes to Editor

ABOUT BKS

BKS Surveys Ltd is a major supplier of geo-spatial data services to Government and Private Sector Businesses in the UK and Ireland. From its Headquarters in Coleraine the company provides a range of topographical and terrain surveying services using land and aerial techniques. Customised 2 & 3D geo-spatial information can be provided for a wide range of applications: e.g. planning, water engineering, transportation, power transmission, utilities, land management, architecture, visualisations, environmental impact studies, etc. An ISO 9001:2000 approved company, BKS assists clients with the development and integration of their geospatial data into a functional Geographical Information System or specific Software Application.

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