



Opvantek Joins ESRI's Business Partner Program

Newtown, PA - September 26, 2006 - Opvantek announces that it has joined ESRI's Business Partner Program. Opvantek is currently using ESRI's ArcEngine Development Kit to integrate the Optimain DS distribution integrity management product directly with an ArcGIS database for customers in the gas, electric & water distribution industries.

Opvantek's comprehensive Optimain™ product suite for gas and water distribution utilities includes three major software applications: Optimain ACM (Asset & Compliance Management); Optimain DS (Decision Support), which is the company's system-wide distribution integrity management solution; and Optimain JPM (Jurisdictional Paving Manager).

All of these products can be integrated seamlessly with key enterprise applications like work management, job design, and geographical information systems. With the new ArcGIS interface, Optimain DS will be able to gather facility attributes and location-based decision-support factors from any ArcGIS database, conduct spatial analysis and network tracing functions, store Optimain DS projects as ArcGIS Features, and display ArcGIS maps in an embedded map control.

According to Tony Sileo, Optimain DS Product Manager, "Opvantek is very excited to extend our existing GIS interface capability to provide a configurable, enterprise-class solution for customers using ArcGIS."

The ESRI Business Partner Program is a network of more than 2,000 domestic and international developers, consultants, data partners, value-added resellers, authorized instructors, and authorized partner education centers that, utilizing ESRI technology, provide solutions and training to meet the GIS needs of every industry. Working together, ESRI and its business partners solve business problems with new software applications, data, value-added services, and training.

Opvantek, Inc. -- a leader in utility software solutions -- has long maintained that the key to operating a successful utility company in the face of an ever-evolving regulatory environment is in system-wide risk assessment & optimized asset management. Opvantek delivers best-in-class software solutions that significantly enhance distribution integrity, reliability, safety, and regulatory compliance management. The company was originally founded in 1997 as Vantage Management Solutions, Inc. Since then, Opvantek, Inc. has evolved into a talented team of utility industry and software development professionals, providing exceptional asset management software products, implementation and integration services, and focused business process consulting to the utility industry.

Founded in 1969, ESRI (www.esri.com) is the world leader in the GIS software industry. ESRI offers innovative solutions that help users create, manage, analyze, and display information to make timely decisions and solve problems they encounter every day. ESRI's comprehensive product line ranges from desktop GIS to GIS for the enterprise.

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