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OGC® Announces RFQ to Extend Reference Implementation in Kentucky

Wayland, MA, February 14, 2006 - The Open Geospatial Consortium Inc. (OGC) announced a Request For Quotations (RFQ) from technology developers interested in an Interoperability Initiative to extend a reference implementation of OGC-based services at the state level in the U.S. The OGC Kentucky Watershed Modeling Information Portal (KWMIP) Pilot Project uses OGC Web Services (OWS), to provide advance the use of computer based watershed modeling in the commonwealth.

Building on previous work in other OGC initiatives and technical working groups, selected KWMIP participants will work collaboratively to extend existing Kentucky systems into a robust and complete interoperability framework for implementing multi-vendor enterprise, as well as enterprise-to-enterprise, solutions in government and business.

Participants will work in the following area:

-- Web Services: Deploy a reference implementation composed of OGC(R) specification components for Web Map Services, Web Feature Services, Web Coverage Services, and Catalog Services.

The reference implementation will add a watershed modeling information service to the existing statewide network.

The Request for Quotations can be downloaded from <http://www.opengeospatial.org/initiatives/?iid=198>. A Bidder's Conference (a conference call) will be held on February 23, 2006. Questions for the call must be sent to by 2200 GMT February 21, 2006. The response period begins February 7, 2006 and ends March 7, 2006. The KWMIP kickoff will take place March 15, 2006 by teleconference and the final demonstration of capabilities will take place in June 2006. The initiative manager will be Sam Bacharach. For more information on the KWMIP Initiative, please contact Mr. Bacharach at +1 703-352-3938.

The OGC(R) is an international industry consortium of more than 300 companies, government agencies, research organizations, and universities participating in a consensus process to develop publicly available interface specifications. OpenGIS(R) Specifications support interoperable solutions that "geo-enable" the Web, wireless and location-based services, and mainstream IT. The specifications empower technology developers to make complex spatial information and services accessible and useful with all kinds of applications. Visit the OGC website at <http://www.opengeospatial.org>.