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## IT Partnership Secures Three Year National Scottish Police Contract

A partnership of leading IT service companies, led by Buying Solutions Prime Contractor **Infotech Enterprises** and consortium partners **GGP Systems** and **Infoshare**, have successfully bid for a competitive Tender issued by the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS), to provide a centralised address gazetteer for police services across Scotland. Lothian & Borders Police, who are representing the eight Scottish Police Forces and the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA), are overseeing the implementation of the contract, which will see the creation, implementation and use of a definitive national location gazetteer together with Gazetteer Management Software and Web Services throughout police services in Scotland. Infotech Enterprises as Prime Contractor will deliver programme management and project support office services, working with GGP Systems and Infoshare to deliver the contract over a three year term. The contract was completed via the BuyingSolutions GISS framework



Deputy Chief Constable, Tom Halpin, ACPOS National Command and Control Project Executive said: "This Contract is a key part of the wider ACPOS business change programme and represents groundbreaking improvements for the Scottish police service. The new system will help us to identify precise locations and allocate the best equipped and nearest police patrol."

This project will see the creation of a national gazetteer detailing every property in addition to the location of police "incidents" in Scotland. It will involve data from each of the eight Police Forces together with additional detail from *Point X's* Points of Interest dataset and *Experian's* QAS Names data being matched, cleansed and validated by **Infoshare** against a Primary Dataset. **Infoshare** will use their ClearCore Product suite to create this Primary Dataset from the One Scotland Gazetteer (OSG) which is made up of address data from the 32 Scottish Councils, to provide an accurate up-to-date database of land, property and locations.

Once created, the data will be accessed using advanced spatially enabled Gazetteer Management Software from **GGP Systems**. Every force will be able to search the gazetteer from the desktop



system or remotely using web-enabled devices. By providing real time access to the centralised data, the project aims to improve intelligence for frontline service provision via integration to the new national Control & Command system. This enables back office analysts to have access to accurate incident records enabling detailed analysis leading to successful resource allocation. This is key in crime

prevention, in tackling crime and in emergency planning. By using **GGP Systems** Web enabled solution, Officers will also be able to provide feedback to the centralised gazetteer; adding locations, noting exceptions and validating the data with real world observations.



From Left to Right;

**N. J. Joseph** (Vice President and Head of Europe – Infotech), **Tim Maxwell** (Managing Director – GGP Systems), **DCC, Tom Halpin** (ACPOS National Command and Control Project Executive), **Pamela Cook** (Managing Director – Infoshare)

## **Notes to Editors:**

**The Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland** (ACPOS) is the professional voice of police leadership in Scotland. Working in partnership with central and local government to set strategic objectives for policing in Scotland and to deliver better joined up services for Scotland's communities, their membership comprises all chief police officers and senior police staff of the 8 Scottish police forces, the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, the Scottish Police College and the Assistant Chief Constable of the British Transport Police (Scotland).

**The Scottish Police Services Authority** (SPSA) provides expert support services to the country's eight police forces and criminal justice community. In partnership with the police, it plays an important role in the effectiveness of modern law enforcement by providing criminal records, forensic services, specialist ICT, and training - including the Scottish Police College. It also maintains the specialist officers and staff for the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA). Launched on 1 April 2007 as a non-departmental public body, SPSA has an independent Convener and a Board comprising representatives of Scotland's police forces, police boards as well as independent members. Committed to delivering world class support, SPSA is responsible for more than 1,600 expert staff throughout Scotland.

**Infotech Enterprises Europe Limited**, founded in 1991, is a Global IT Services Company with over 8000 people specializing in Engineering Services, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and IT services. Infotech provide services to a wide range of industries - Aerospace, Automotive, Energy, Government, Marine, Rail, Retail, Telecom and Utilities. Within the geospatial industry, Infotech is a globally reputed provider of geospatial technology solutions and data management services. With 3000 associates and 18 years of wide-ranging customer engagements, Infotech is one of the largest and most accomplished firms in the industry today. Focused on electric, gas and water utilities, telecom network operators, transportation companies and a vast array of government organisations, Infotech help our customers leverage geospatial technology and data to improve the way they do business. Infotech is a Buying Solutions Accredited Supplier, facilitating the provision of procurement to the UK Public Sector. Infotech Enterprises are one of only 12 organisations UK wide to be accredited by the Geographic Information Services and Solutions (GISS), Buying Solutions Framework agreement fully compliant with EU Directives, and one of only 3 organisations accredited on all three Lots.

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**GGP Systems Limited** specialises in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Gazetteer Management Software (GMS) specifically designed for the UK public sector. The South London based company provides easy to use solutions for the creation and management of corporate property databases, the ability to add and use a spatial element to all location based information and a range of solutions to meet Transformational Government directives. With over 100 public sector installations, GGP's GIS and GMS are already established as leading solutions in the UK to Local Authorities, the Fire & Rescue Services and the Police Service, underpinning the delivery of the latest generation of integrated and web-enabled services.

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**Infoshare Limited** is a data quality software and services company located in Kingston Upon Thames. The company was set up in 1996 to address data quality issues in local government and Crime & Disorder Reduction partnerships. Their unique expert system technology and flagship product ClearCore have since led to Infoshare gaining over 250 public and private sector blue chip clients in the UK. They are on the BS7666/BS8766 BSI National Committee, hold Data Protection Registration status, and are accredited to ISO 9001 and Investors in People. In addition, in November 2007, Infoshare was one of just 18 companies selected from 600 applicants by the Cabinet Office to join the Pygmalion Framework – a specialist catalogue of innovatory technologies to underpin the UK transformational government agenda.

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