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Geospatial World Honors CEO Greg Bentley for Lifetime Achievement in Geospatial Innovation

The Award Acknowledges Contributions to the Integration of Geospatial Information With the Design, Construction, and Operations of Sustainable Infrastructure

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil – The Latin American Geospatial Forum – 18 Aug. 2011 – Bentley Systems, Incorporated, the leading company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, today announced that *Geospatial World*, published by India-based Geospatial Media and Communications Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as GIS Development Pvt. Ltd.), has honored Greg Bentley, CEO of Bentley Systems, with its Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions to geospatial communities worldwide. *Geospatial World* holds conferences around the globe and fittingly chose to present the award to Mr. Bentley at its first annual Latin American Geospatial Forum in Rio de Janeiro. Countries such as Brazil, whose robust economies will increasingly depend on large-scale enhancements to their infrastructure, have the most to gain from leveraging geospatial information in the design, construction, and operations of water systems, energy generation and distribution networks, resource extraction, transportation facilities, and structures.

In conferring the award to Greg Bentley, Sanjay Kumar, CEO, Geospatial Media and Communications, said, "We at Geospatial Media believe that Bentley Systems is the leading provider of geospatial technology in support of infrastructure projects. Under the stewardship of Greg Bentley, the company has initiated many innovations that have been instrumental in expanding the horizons of the geospatial industry. These innovations also have facilitated the integration of geospatial information with the many disciplines responsible for the design, construction, and operations of sustainable infrastructure, serving humankind worldwide. This

award is given in recognition of Mr. Bentley's vision, leadership, personal commitment, and outstanding contributions to geospatial communities around the world."

On receiving the award, Mr. Bentley said, "I am honored to accept this award as an acknowledgement of the long-standing commitment of my brothers and colleagues at Bentley Systems to advance geospatial information in service of infrastructure. Since we've long recognized that all infrastructure is intrinsically geospatial – and everything geospatial is intrinsically 3D – we have been able to help practitioners integrate what had been separate domains of engineering and GIS. Now, with the level of interoperability we've helped make available, engineers can leverage geospatial capabilities to deliver and operate intelligent infrastructure –from energy to water and transportation systems – providing better performance for improved quality of life."

Mr. Bentley added, "It's opportune that *Geospatial World* selected its new forum in Rio de Janeiro for this presentation. The compelling combination of the rapid economic development and the challenges of burgeoning megacities in Brazil stimulates us all to work smarter, together."

Geospatial World recognizes and honors mapping agencies, professional societies, companies, individuals, and programs for their contribution towards inception, development, growth of geographic information tools, products, and applications that help make geographic information a public commodity. The most important category of award recognizes and honors an individual in the form of a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for his or her outstanding contribution to geospatial communities worldwide. Past recipients of this award include Jack Dangermond, president of Esri; K.K. Singh, president of the Association of Geospatial Industries and chairman, Rolta Group; and Dr. K. Kasturirangan, former chairman of Indian Space Research Organization and currently serving as Member – Science, of the Planning Commission of the Government of India.

About Geospatial Media and Communications

Geospatial Media and Communications Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as GIS Development Pvt. Ltd.) is a geospatial media company dedicated to raising and expanding the profile and horizons of the geospatial industry worldwide. It endeavors to create awareness about geospatial technology; connect various stakeholders of the geospatial community; advocate in creating the right policy environment; and provide an ideal platform for business development of the geospatial industry at national, regional, and global levels. While developing a global geospatial communications network, it strives to promote the use of geospatial technologies in various application areas for economic and social development. Through its key platforms – publications and conferences – Geospatial Media and Communications assists communities and governments in developing capacities, lobbies for the geospatial industry, and facilitates business development for the growth of the geospatial industry. For additional information, visit http://geospatialmedia.net.

About Bentley Systems, Incorporated

Bentley is the global leader dedicated to providing architects, engineers, geospatial professionals, constructors, and owner-operators with comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure. Bentley's mission is to empower its users to leverage *information modeling* through *integrated projects* for high-performing *intelligent infrastructure*. Its solutions encompass the MicroStation platform for infrastructure design and modeling, the ProjectWise platform for infrastructure project team collaboration and work sharing, and the AssetWise platform for infrastructure asset operations – all supporting a broad portfolio of interoperable applications and complemented by worldwide professional services. Founded in 1984, Bentley has grown to nearly 3,000 colleagues in more than 45 countries and \$500 million in annual revenues. Since 2001, the company has invested more than \$1 billion in research, development, and acquisitions.

Additional information about Bentley is available at www.bentley.com and in Bentley's annual report. For Bentley news as it happens, subscribe to an RSS feed of Bentley press releases and news alerts. To view a searchable collection of innovative infrastructure projects from the annual Be Inspired Awards, access Bentley's Year in Infrastructure publications. To access a

professional networking site that enables members of the infrastructure community to connect, communicate, and learn from each other, visit <u>Be Communities</u>.

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