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PREIN&NEWHOF WELCOMES EDWARD DEMPSEY TO GIS DEPARTMENT

Ed to bring more GIS capabilities to West Michigan area.

GRAND RAPIDS, September 5, 2008. Prein&Newhof recently expanded its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities by adding Edward Dempsey, GISP, to its staff. Ed will serve as a GIS Specialist in Prein&Newhof's Grand Rapids Office.

Ed has nearly 10 years of experience in the GIS industry. He specializes in making custom GIS applications that allow untrained people to use complicated GIS features easily. Ed's past GIS projects include:

- Finding the ideal locations for industrial parks and buildings.
- Plotting and analyzing crime incidents over multiple jurisdictions.
- Mapping hurricanes and their potential impacts.
- Identifying the effects of urban and suburban development on water quality.

Ed has created GIS applications for Federal, state, county, and local governments. Most recently, he was a lead GIS programmer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center. He has also been a GIS programmer and researcher for the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the Greater Atlanta Data Center at Kennesaw State University.

Ed has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and a Masters degree in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University. He was certified as a GIS Professional (GISP) in 2004 by the GIS Certification Institute.

Celebrating nearly 40 years of operation, Prein&Newhof is a full-service engineering firm offering a wide range of engineering, environmental consulting, surveying, GIS, and laboratory services to municipal and private clients across West Michigan. The firm has offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Byron Center, Muskegon, and Kalamazoo, as well as an environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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