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ViewPermit™ Selected By Capitol Region Council Of Governments For Online Permitting System Available To All Connecticut Municipalities

BELMONT, MA November 4, 2009 – Hartford, CT-based Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has officially selected ViewPermit™ for a regional electronic permit management system that will be open to any Connecticut city or town to join.

The full-function system will allow residents and businesses to apply, pay for, and receive building and other permits from participating cities and towns online. They can also track the status of their permits as they move through the approval process. On the back end, towns will use the system to manage permit review, approval, and inspections processes electronically.



Lyle Wray, Executive Director, CRCOG and Nasser Hajo,
Vice President, ViewPoint GIS

ViewPermit was selected through a rigorous Request for Proposal process involving IT directors, building officials, and administrators from several Connecticut towns. “The selection committee chose ViewPermit because of its online functionality, simple user interface, city-wide approach to permit management, and the knowledge and flexibility of its project team,” commented Jocelyn Mathiasen, Special Projects Coordinator for CRCOG.

The project will be managed by The Connecticut Regional E-Government Initiative (CREGI), a new program sponsored by CRCOG. By early 2010, the system will be deployed in eight Connecticut municipalities; many additional communities are already on track to join Phase 2.

Mathiasen said. “This program was initiated to promote more responsive, customer-friendly, and efficient local government services through a regional approach to technology,” “We chose permitting as an area where technology can significantly improve customer service and reduce work-load for municipal governments and where the regional approach provides a clear cost and operational advantage over a town-by-town approach.”

“We are thrilled to be selected for the CRCOG project,” stated Nasser Hajo, ViewPoint Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. “We have a proven system that will deliver more than what CRCOG was originally seeking. We look forward to becoming a great partner for all the participating towns .”

ViewPermit streamlines workflow for planning, conservation, zoning, building, public works, fire and health departments and supports a wide range of local licensing needs. Its many advanced features, including embedded GIS, enable municipal officials to seamlessly track, control, monitor, schedule and report on all elements of permit and license issuance. It significantly reduces processing time, and greatly enhances access to information, dramatically improving customer service for citizens, developers and businesses.

For more information visit www.ViewPermit.com.

About ViewPoint GIS

ViewPoint GIS, founded in 1995, is a focused software development firm specializing in GIS-based business process solutions for local governments and public agencies.

About CRCOG

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is guided by the chief elected officials of 29 Metro Hartford municipalities who recognize that the future of individual members is tied to the future of the region.

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