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### **VLS Offers Free Software Training for Armed Forces**

MISSOULA, Montana – As one of the many benefits of attending the Third Annual VLS Users Conference, to be held September 12-13, 2006 in Missoula, Montana, defense and intelligence members are invited to register for free admission to the professional VLS software training courses. This reflects VLS' commitment to supporting U.S. military operations, particularly in honor of Armed Forces Day, May 20, and Memorial Day, May 29.

"The Department of Defense represents our largest client base, and we are thrilled for the opportunity to directly reach our customers," said Kevin Opitz, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "The Conference is incredibly beneficial to organizations such as NGA, for example, because the interaction between intelligent minds makes it an exceptional learning environment."

VLS software applications, Feature Analyst® and LIDAR Analyst™, are the most widely used commercial software for automated feature extraction (AFE). Since the inception of Feature Analyst, in 2001, the U.S. Department of Defense has ranked VLS among the world's top three providers of mapping tools to support the war on terrorism.

In addition to the training courses, available for all conference attendees, the Conference offers workshops, technical demonstrations, and occasions for one-on-one consultations with VLS software experts and engineers. For details regarding the Conference, please visit [www.vls-inc.com/topics/conference.htm](http://www.vls-inc.com/topics/conference.htm).

#### **About VLS**

Visual Learning Systems, Inc. is an international leader in automated mapping solutions. Feature Analyst and LIDAR Analyst, the VLS flagship software products, are used worldwide for GIS database management and mapping applications supporting international defense, Homeland Security, education, environmental projects and more. Feature Analyst exists as extensions to ERDAS IMAGINE, SOCET SET, the ArcGIS suite, and now GeoMedia, and is used in every U.S. state, in over 50 countries and 100 universities. LIDAR Analyst is the revolutionary new VLS product that automates 3D capture of buildings, trees, and bare earth from LIDAR data. More information can be found at [www.vls-inc.com](http://www.vls-inc.com).

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