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Feature Analyst[®] State and Local Government Grant Program

MISSOULA, Montana – Visual Learning Systems, Inc. (VLS) is pleased to announce the introduction of the Feature Analyst State and Local Government Grant Program. This Grant Program addresses the pressing need of government organizations to quickly update a GIS database with features extracted from aerial and satellite imagery. “Commercial imagery is fast-becoming a staple commodity for many local governments struggling to maintain their GIS investments,” said Stuart Blundell, VLS Chief Operating Officer. “Feature Analyst automatically finds features such as buildings and roads from imagery and provides a solution to the human resource and cost bottleneck of getting information into a GIS database from imagery. Government agencies can focus on services, not hand-digitizing features.”

Feature Analyst software technology is widely used within the United States Defense and Intelligence Community to extract geospatial features from high-resolution imagery. The underlying technology, developed by VLS through NASA and DoD research contracts, is exceptionally accurate, simple to use, and works within existing GIS and image processing software such as ESRI’s ArcGIS[®] and ERDAS IMAGINE[®]. As Homeland Security requirements become more demanding on the GIS resources of state and local governments, Feature Analyst will play an important role in lowering costs. VLS expects to award up to \$5 million dollars in software grants in 2004. Qualified state, city, and local government agencies can apply on-line at www.featureanalyst.com for grants of Feature Analyst software.

About Visual Learning Systems

VLS is a leader in feature extraction and image understanding solutions supporting the geospatial industry. The VLS flagship software product Feature Analyst is used worldwide for GIS database management and mapping applications supporting Defense and Intelligence, Local Government, Forestry, Agriculture, Transportation, and Environmental projects. Feature Analyst is being used in all 50 U.S. States, over 50 countries, and nearly 100 universities. Fitting within existing workflows, Feature Analyst is an extension to ESRI’s ArcGIS suite, Leica Geosystems’ ERDAS IMAGINE[®], and soon BAE’s SOCET SET[®]. VLS was recently recognized by ESRI, Inc. as 2004 New Partner of the Year. VLS provides professional and on-line training services, feature extraction services, and customized programming. A free evaluation copy of Feature Analyst for ESRI ArcGIS or ERDAS IMAGINE can be downloaded at www.featureanalyst.com.

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