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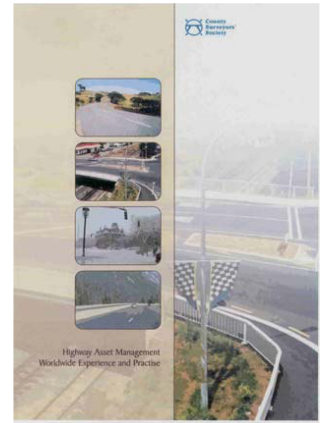
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The Year of the Inventory? **2005-2006 will surely see Authorities turning their attention to inventory data collection. Highway Asset Management plans are required for all authorities throughout the UK by 2006 and the supporting documentation has now been published. The time for action has arrived.**

Asset Data Collection and Presentation

JRCS Ltd has already undertaken more than 300 kilometers of inventory survey this year and is assisting with the procurement of other contracts covering motorways, trunk and local roads. Data is being provided for existing systems and also on maps as part of GeoMaintenance Manager, JRCS's inventory management system.

GeoMaintenance Manager

Produced jointly with Steanne Solutions Ltd, **GeoMaintenance Manager** goes from strength to strength. A fully integrated highway inspection and defect management package, it complements their **GeoGrad** GIS data collection product which is used extensively throughout Britain for many different applications. The systems offer a cost-effective, easy to use alternative to the market place which can be used in conjunction with additionally available modules for Claims Investigation and the management of Third Party Claims **(GeoClaims)** and the organization and planning of Works Orders **(GeoWorks)**. All of the components are available individually as stand-alone systems or as a seamless package. Blackpool Council and one London Borough have installed pilot versions of the software and are undertaking trials of its capabilities on selected parts of their networks. Mouchel Parkman now uses the system as a key element of their contract with the London Borough of Ealing and has customised parts of the system to simplify their working procedures with their term contractor.

Further information can be provided together with a no-obligation demonstration by contacting John Reid on 07766 760030 or at john@jrcon.co.uk
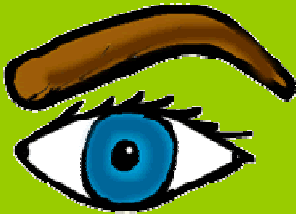
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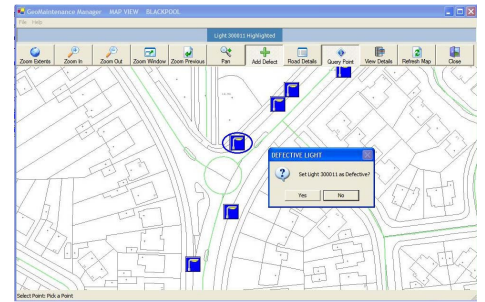john@jrcon.co.uk

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Street Lighting

GeoLight, a comprehensive map-based package for the management of street lighting, is now available. It is configurable for each user and supplied with standard modules for Inventory, Defects, Orders, Condition, Cyclic Maintenance and Energy Returns. Contact John Reid on 07766 760030 or john@jrcon.co.uk for further details.

Consultancy – Highway Asset Management Plans

JRCS is providing assistance to authorities who are preparing their **Highway Asset Management Plans** for 2006. Additionally, in Carmarthenshire, studies have been undertaken covering a **Review of Systems** in Use, a **Gap Analysis** of the Highway Inspection Regime and a **Risk Assessment** of the Safety Inspection process.

Work is ongoing with the production of a **Code of Practice** and **Inspection Manual** to be used by the highway inspectors and also to provide information to the public.

Training and Accreditation of Highway Safety Inspectors

Apart from operating a comprehensive, robust management system such as GeoMaintenance Manager, a further key element to be considered when defending a claim, concerns the experience and competence of the inspector. JRCS has prepared some notes suggesting a **Training and Accreditation regime for highway safety inspectors**.

This document can be downloaded free of charge from the JRCS website www.jrcon.co.uk

DC4 – Inventory data collection and XML conversion software

A new version of DC4 is now available for the collection of text-based inventory data. The software is **system independent**, compatible with all leading packages and contains a revolutionary new way of recording **continuous items**. Further versions of DC4 are also available for **Safety** and **Service (Detailed) Inspections**. 10 of the Highways Agency's Agents now use InvXML for conversion of their data into HAPMS format.

The data capture device recommended and supplied by JRCS Ltd is the Recon from TDS

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