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AEgis Geospatial Solutions Power Alabama EDPA Economic Development Database Upgrade

Huntsville, Alabama (August 15, 2013) – Aegis Technologies Group is working with the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to redesign its primary marketing tool for industrial buildings and sites in Alabama. The upgrade, which will be known as “Alabama Interactive,” is expected to be live on EDPA’s website by December 2013 and will provide even more information for businesses and site consultants considering conducting business in Alabama. The redesign is possible through the generous support of the private sector’s investment in economic development for the state.

Greg Knighton, an EDPA vice president said, “Aegis is designing the database for EDPA and helping us think through how we can make it as cutting edge and user friendly as possible.” EDPA’s website receives more than 2.4 million hits a year, and the buildings, sites, and communities database is its most visited section. “It’s a means of marketing our entire economic development portfolio of assets,” Knighton said. “The upgrade will allow us to market our industrial assets, our white-collar assets, office and research park assets, as well as our incubators and the technologies that represent our intellectual properties.”

AEgis has been asked by the EDPA to improve this already impressive tool due to its unique capabilities in Geospatial Technology. Knighton said a sophisticated Geographic Information System is the cornerstone of the database, and users will be able to control a mapping product and turn on layers of information about the state. These layers will include basic information, such as transportation infrastructure and geo-political boundaries, as well as advanced information such as automotive and aerospace companies, universities and airports, according to Knighton. The site also will showcase the partners who make up EDPA, including those active in economic development roles, such as utilities and banks.

The database and user interface upgrade is beneficial to state, regional and local economic development efforts. “Aegis continues to amaze us with their advances in geospatial technologies,” said Tommy Battle, Mayor of Huntsville. “This latest development will undoubtedly be a coveted tool for economic development in every municipality.”

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To date, EDPA and AEGis have focused on evaluating, designing and building the initial database. The next few months will be spent collecting new data to improve the update to "Alabama Interactive". State and local officials recognize the benefit of the upgrade. Donald 'Chip' Cherry, President and CEO of the Huntsville / Madison County Chamber of Commerce said, "We are proud to have AEGis playing such a critical role in the development of our State's economic development infrastructure. The majority of economic development searches begin with research conducted over the Internet. The platform AEGis is developing with the EDPA will ensure that we have a robust site selection tool that will help keep our communities in the hunt for new projects."

AEGis, primarily an Aerospace Defense contractor, continues to seek ways to apply its technical capabilities to the commercial sector. "AEGis is proud to be a Corporate Partner of EDPA and play a part in economic development, recruiting and site selection for our state," said Bill Waite, AEGis' CTO and co-founder. "Our modeling, simulation and geospatial capabilities are relevant for many customers, partners and applications, such as this innovative and value-added tool. The EDPA should be praised for their innovative and visionary leadership centered on economic development for our state," Waite said.

"It's been a very good partnership," Knighton said. "AEGis understands what we're trying to do in marketing the state's assets. They have brought a technical perspective in the ability to think through the content piece with us, so we're able to put together a good product that meets our users' needs."

About The AEGis Technologies Group Inc.

AEGis Technologies is a privately held small business headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, USA, that provides advanced technology and expert consulting services to industries throughout the world. AEGis specializes in modeling & simulation (M&S) and micro/nanoscale technology development. The company's M&S products and services include simulation software and training simulators; geospatial databases; 3D models; war fighter exercise support; systems engineering and analysis; verification, validation, and accreditation (VV&A); test and evaluation support; Hardware-in-the-Loop (HWIL) and Man-in-the-Loop (MIL) simulation. AEGis' Nanogenesis Division excels in advancing cutting edge micro and nanoscale technologies with applications ranging from defense to energy to biotechnology.

AEGis was awarded one of the Top 20 Best Places to Work in 2012 by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce and was also awarded the 2012 Small Business of the Year. AEGis' President & CEO, Steve Hill, was awarded the 2012 Russell G. Brown Executive Leadership Award for excellence in leadership and entrepreneurship.

AEGis has enjoyed steady growth with revenues increasing to \$65+ million in sales and employment of 325+ professionals. AEGis has been instrumental in the acceptance of M&S as a profession, as a graduate program of study and in the creation of an M&S standards and professional certification across the international M&S professional community-of-practice. Since its founding in 1989, AEGis is committed to honesty and integrity and has been recognized for its honorable business practices by receiving the Better Business Bureau's Torch Ethics Award. The company's highly skilled work force is dedicated to building lasting relationships and providing superior products and services to our customers.

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