

# Group 1 Solutions, Inc. Press Release



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**HEADLINE: Second Fastest Growing Illinois County Selects *REMOTE ACCESS*<sup>™</sup>**

**BODY:**

**(GLEN ELLYN, IL - August 31, 2007)** - The **Will County Emergency System Board (ETSB), Joliet, Illinois, and Group 1 Solutions, Inc. (Group 1)** have entered into a blanket purchasing agreement for all public safety agencies whereby Group 1 will offer fixed unit pricing for its *REMOTE ACCESS* suite of in-vehicle tactical response and mapping applications, in addition to geographic information system (GIS) services. The ETSB will be covering two thirds of the software license fees and fifty percent (50%) of the annual maintenance expense. Under this agreement, public safety agencies will be able to implement four different modules under one unit price:

- **End-User Viewing Module (*REMOTE ACCESS*)**, to view drawings, GIS maps & attribute data, photographs, videos, associated attachments and other similar information
- **Administrative Module (*RA\_Admin*<sup>™</sup>)**, to add, edit, delete or link site plans, maps, photographs, scanned images and data records.
- **Mobile Computing Interface (*RA\_Mobile*<sup>™</sup>)**, to enable wireless interaction between CAD and *REMOTE ACCESS* via interface to mobile messaging application, eliminating need to manually enter addresses upon dispatch.
- **Global Positioning System (GPS) Interface (*RA\_GPS*<sup>™</sup>)**, for real-time viewing of an individual vehicle's location on the map in the vehicle via an interface with an onboard GPS, and to provide point-to-point routing based on the vehicle's GPS and incident location.

Using both the ETSB's ESRI-based GIS data plus any local public safety GIS data, Group 1 may configure two separate maps for each agency; county-wide and local (i.e., the geographic parameters of the agency's primary response area) depending on the availability of local maps. In addition, each agency will receive complete end-user and administrative training.

According to Mr. Steven Figved, Chief Administrator of the Will County 9-1-1 System, "We went through a competitive bidding process and are convinced that Group 1 will provide the public safety agencies in the County with the best available solution. Their software is suited for both fire and police departments, and the sharing of information significantly raises the level of public safety services delivered to all of our residents. As Will County continues to develop at such a rapid pace, we look forward to working with Group 1 to service our growing needs."

Group 1 Solutions, Inc. is a professional services firm exclusively serving all units of government with consulting, conversion services, and advanced software solutions for civilian and military force and property protection. With over 3,800 licenses, helping protect over 11,800,000 citizens throughout the United States as well as the brave men and women in our armed forces, *REMOTE ACCESS* is the market leader in GIS-centric mobile solutions. To learn more about *REMOTE ACCESS* and Group 1, please contact one of the offices listed below.

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