

Pinellas County completes upgrade to Munsys 10 on Oracle 10g

Clearwater, Florida, March 31, 2009 – Munsys, Inc. announces that Pinellas County, Florida, has recently completed an enterprise wide upgrade to Munsys® 10 running on Oracle® 10g Release 2. The Pinellas County GIS database has become a vital component to many of their internal and external systems and maintains over 500 layers of spatial information servicing more than 30 departments and groups in the county.

Pinellas County started adopting Oracle Spatial as their core spatial data storage platform during 2004 when many others were still using proprietary storage technologies. Since then County personnel have developed extensive data models to solve many of the County's information needs and the database now manages more than 1,500 data tables.



Over the past 5 years the central GIS database has become a vital component to many County systems and is accessed on a daily basis by over 300 internal edit users out of a total of 3000 staff and over 1,000 visitors to their public site (over 2,000 per day during hurricane season). More than 30 departments maintain their data in the central database including Planning, Environmental, Public Works, Utilities, and Emergency Management.

Because so many systems are dependent on the central database the upgrade process required extensive testing and planning beforehand. The Oracle upgrade was performed on a test environment where the data migration process was simulated and thoroughly tested. Once County staff was satisfied that all the dependent systems operated correctly the final migration and switch over was performed on the live system.

“While it was a relatively complex task to upgrade our core platform, the overall effort and impact was significantly less than if we had to upgrade various disparate data sets. Having our spatial data stored in a central database using an open architecture has once again underlined the wisdom of our IT strategy and enabled our group to provide a high level of service in a cost effective manner,” says David James, Deputy Director, BTS (Business Technology Services), Pinellas County.

“It is commendable to see how much the GIS database has grown over the years and how well the County has utilised the open database capabilities to service such a variety of departments,” says Chris Tolken, Munsys President. “Pinellas County is an excellent example of the efficiencies and benefits that can be realised when spatial data is managed as a standard component of the organisation's information systems.”

About Pinellas County

Pinellas County services the most densely populated county in Florida, USA. Its 26 cities host a population of 920,000, 415,000 households and 41,000 businesses. Pinellas County is located on Florida's West Coast; and is a 725 sq. km. peninsula bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Tampa Bay. The County from tip to tip is 61 km long and 24 km wide at its broadest point.

<http://gis.pinellascounty.org/>

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About Munsys

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