

QC DATA TO MANAGE PROVINCIAL DATABASES
DATA WILL BECOME MORE AVAILABLE, ACCESSIBLE, ACCURATE AND AFFORDABLE

April 2, 1998 Calgary, Alberta – QC Data, a leading provider of geo-technical data business solutions and services, today announced it has been awarded a contract with Spatial Data Warehouse (SDW), a not-for-profit company established to assume responsibilities for mapping activities traditionally carried out by the Government of Alberta. QC Data has been entrusted with the management of the SDW mapping data, an Alberta asset with an estimated replacement cost in excess of \$50 million. SDW is a consortium made up of Atco Electric, Atco Gas, Atco Transmission, TELUS Advanced Communications, TransAlta Utilities and the Government of Alberta.

QC Data and its partner, Martin Newby Consulting Ltd., will enter into a long-term agreement with SDW. The QC Data consortium will assume the responsibilities of the continued updating, re-engineering, storage, distribution, value-added redistribution and general management of four primary provincial mapping data sets – Urban Cadastral, Rural Cadastral, Topographic and Small Scale. Value-added redistribution channels will be developed for commercial access.

“Mapping is an essential ingredient for planning and orderly development throughout Alberta. These data sets are critically important to government, municipalities, utilities, developers and surveyors,” said Stephen Loughheed, Executive Vice President of QC Data. “Our team will apply our already-proven technologies to provide easily accessed, uniform, low cost base mapping for the common use of Albertans.”

SDW determined the need to modernize and re-engineer all aspects of the Alberta mapping infrastructure formerly part of the Government’s Resource Data Division. SDW further concluded that a private sector partner with the requisite experience and expertise was required to operate and re-engineer the base-mapping infrastructure.

“The QC Data consortium was chosen to employ new methods to increase the value of mapping data to users, to improve the way computer map files are updated and to make this data more accessible.” added David Gariepy, SDW’s General Manager. “Further, SDW expects that improved access to this digital mapping will generate new advanced-technology, value-added business opportunities in Alberta.”

QC Data is a dynamic company respected as the leader in providing data and data management solutions to utilities, government agencies and petroleum companies. Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, QC Data has offices in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Russia and Cyprus.

Martin Newby Consulting assists organizations in the acquisition, modification and enhancement of spatial data and spatial data products and applications. They provide consulting services for surveying, mapping and GIS projects to the Province, municipalities, pipeline companies and telecommunications companies.