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COUNTY SIGNS CONTRACT FOR MAPPING SERVICES WITH ESTONIAN HIGH-TECH FIRM

Montgomery County, Virginia • Montgomery County has selected an Estonian based software firm to provide a geo-spatial and land-related software application and extended integration services. This web application will provide citizens, business and visitors an easy-to-use portal to search for real estate parcels, public school attendance boundaries, voting districts, conservation easements, public utilities and other map-based data.

Ovela LLC, a subsidiary of AS Datel, was selected from among 16 companies submitting proposals to replace the County's current iGIS web application and to start web enabling the County's development management system, Land Development Office.

"Ovela's NextGEN GIS (geographic information system) platform will enable us to leverage existing investments in GIS and Land Development Office," said Bob Pearsall, Montgomery County GIS Manager. "As our citizens become more mobile and less tethered to traditional methods of interacting with county government for land development, building permitting and inspections, planning and zoning, and other activities we wanted a company founded in e-government and experienced in state-of-the-art web enabled technology to be our partner."

"With this partnership, Montgomery County is leading the changing paradigm of citizen interaction with local government data," said Carl Pucci, Ovela COO. "The County will explore in coming months becoming more efficient, effective and innovative through cooperation on a multinational level."

Urmas Kõlli, CEO of Datel, said the partnership with Montgomery County started this past year. "The contract awarded to us can be extended to other municipalities of Virginia so it will open a market to our electronic mapping applications. This is a promising beginning in exporting Estonian e-governance solutions to major international markets."

The geo-spatial application is expected to be launched from the county's web site, www.montgomerycountyva.gov, later this summer.