Minnesota Elevation Mapping Project PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT September 24, 2009

Background

In June of 2009 \$5.6 million was allocated to the Minnesota DNR, from the Clean Water Legacy Act, for the purpose of developing a high accuracy elevation dataset using LiDAR technology for the State of Minnesota.

Purpose

Public meetings are being scheduled throughout the state to meet with local officials to communicate the goals, scope and schedule of the project, to generate a list of local contacts and to describe partnering opportunities.

Who Should Attend?

Invitations to attend one of these four public meetings are being sent out to County Administrators, County Engineers, County Surveyors, County GIS Coordinators and Soil and Water Conservationists in the Minnesota River Watershed Region. Public officials are particularly encouraged to attend.

Agenda

The public meetings are scheduled for one hour and will cover the following topics:

- o Introductions and Overview
- LiDAR what is it, how is it collected and how is it used?
 - The Southeast Minnesota LiDAR Project Overview
- Project Description
 - Goals
 - Project Timeline
 - Partnering Opportunities
- Questions and Answers

There are four public meetings currently scheduled on Thursday September 24th, 2009:

Willmar, MN 8:30 – 9:30	Worthington, MN 2:00 – 3:00
Health & Human Services Bldg	Nobles County Government Center
2200 23 rd Street NE	315 10 th Street
Marshall, MN 11:00 – 12:00	Mankato, MN 4:00-5:00
Lyon County Government Center	Blue Earth County Government Center
607 West Main Street	410 South 5 th Street

RSVPs are encouraged but not required. If you are planning on attending please contact: Denise Cook, MNDNR at denise.cook@state.mn.us; 651-259-5447

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