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Southwest Florida Water Management District selects PBS&J and Matrix for Data Integration Project

Merritt Island, FL – May 7, 2004 – PBS&J, Florida's largest engineering firm and a leading provider of engineering, program management, science, and planning services in the nation, and Matrix Information Systems, Inc., a Florida Certified Minority Business Enterprise and custom application development firm, were recently selected by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for the District's Data Integration Project. The Southwest Florida Water Management District is one of five regional districts charged with preserving and protecting the resources in its jurisdiction through water resource development, regulations, and other programs.

The SWFWMD District Data Integration Project will provide a centralized, secure repository for the District's scientific data. The data will be spatially enabled, where possible, and accessible from a variety of desktop and web-based applications, such as ArcGIS (ArcIMS, ArcInfo, ArcView), Microsoft Excel and Access, SAS and future custom applications. This project will assist the District in meeting its goal of scientific water resource management.

PBS&J is a leading provider of infrastructure planning, engineering, construction management, and program management services. With more than 3,300 employees across the United States, the employee-owned firm is ranked by *Engineering News-Record* as 21st among the nation's top consulting firms. PBS&J has over 300 employees in its West Florida offices, 250 of whom are based in Tampa. The firm was also selected by *CE News* magazine as the number two civil engineering employer in the country.

Founded in 1992, Matrix Information Systems, Inc. provides e-business solutions and custom software development to corporate IT departments as well as federal, state, and local government agencies and their contractors. Headquartered on Merritt Island, Florida, Matrix leverages the incredible wealth of talent drawn by NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the 45th Space Wing, and countless area high-tech research, development, and manufacturing firms in the Central Florida High Tech Corridor. In Tallahassee, Matrix's State Branch delivers excellence in standards-based, e-government solutions that help Florida government reduce process and improve service levels.

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