

**(INSERT YOUR COUNTY NAME) Land Records Information Available Online Through beacon™**

INDIANAPOLIS – (Date, Year) – Residents of (INSERT YOUR COUNTY, STATE) now will have an easy way to access local government land records and geographic information systems (GIS) without visiting the county courthouse. Through a partnership with The Schneider Corporation (<http://www.schneidercorp.com>), a provider of creative solutions for land, infrastructure and facilities projects that help increase revenue, lower costs and mitigate risk, county residents will have no cost access to beacon™ Basic, a version of the award-winning public access tool.

“The beacon™ Basic site is a great benefit to the citizens of (INSERT COUNTY NAME), employees and businesses,” said (INSERT NAME, TITLE). “beacon™ Basic is a great time saver for our citizens and county employees, and also helps the county lower costs and minimize risk.”

beacon™, which is endorsed by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT), streamlines how the public interfaces with the community by consolidating searches of multiple sites into just one query that can be conducted from any computer. The result is a more efficient way to obtain up-to-date information on properties, as well as providing search, reporting and printer-friendly features. beacon’s basic features include:

- Data summary/results reporting
- Statewide property record reporting
- Land improvement data
- County assessor assessment valuation
- Tax history
- Aerial photos mapping
- Report printing and email links

beacon™ Basic’s functionality also includes links to Zillow and Google Maps. The full version of beacon™ gives users 24/7 access to a variety of local government data including GIS, appraisal and tax information, and the data is updated daily.

The beacon™ Basic data, available in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), has been published at no cost to the state or counties, and is available at <http://beacon.schneidercorp.com> and is searchable statewide at <http://www.indianaguidepost.com/>.

Schneider is the recognized technological leader in land records management. beacon™ is used by more than 120 local governments across the Midwest and includes information on 6.2 million parcels with an assessed value of \$430 billion. It saves individual user communities more than 25 hours per day on average in staff time--the equivalent of three full-time employees--normally spent to service residents’ requests for the information now available via self service on the beacon™ portal.

For more information and videos about beacon™, go to <http://www.schneidercorp.com/magazine>.

**About The Schneider Corporation**

The Schneider Corporation creates value for clients by engineering solutions to solve their problems. We have expertise in engineering, surveying, architecture and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), which allows us to offer an integrated approach to complex projects. Customers include both private and public organizations in industries including energy, commercial, corporate, federal, state and local government, academic and residential. The Schneider Corporation has been providing GIS solutions since 1989 to hundreds of county, municipal, state, federal and private entities. In a 2009 National Customer Satisfaction survey virtually all Schneider GIS customers responding to the survey rated Schneider’s customer service, product and service quality, and project execution as exceptional. For more information about Schneider, please visit <http://www.schneidercorp.com>. For more information about beacon™, please visit <http://www.gis.schneidercorp.com>