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SWECO awarded strategic GIS contract by the Swedish Forest Agency

SWECO Position has been chosen by the Swedish Forest Agency to develop a GIS-based solution to streamline work processes connected to forest replanting. The contract is worth around EUR 331,000 and is scheduled for completion at year end 2007.

The primary objectives are to shorten the processing time for the approximately 50,000 cases of forest replanting every year and to raise the quality of decision data for the 700 forestry consultants in the Swedish Forest Agency's 43 districts throughout Sweden.

SWECO Position's task is to develop a web-based GIS client that uses a map interface to show the locations of forest owner felling applications in the case handling system. The application will be a modern new tool that includes support functions and a platform for future development of new functions.

"SWECO Position's strong local ties, together with our core expertise and experience in building enterprise solutions for forest-related organisations, make us a secure long-term partner for the Swedish Forest Agency," says Jan Zakariasson, Managing Director of SWECO Position.

"There is a wide application area for GIS today and as we face new demands on the agency to modernise and rationalise our operations in terms of both equipment and work routines, SWECO Position's solution will be the starting shot for this process," says Ulrika Wahlström, Unit Manager Geographic Information at the Swedish Forest Agency.

SWECO is the Nordic region's leading provider of consulting services with combined expertise in engineering, environmental technology and architecture. SWECO has around 4,200 employees in eight countries and recorded annual sales of around 3.4 billion in 2005. The company has projects currently underway in some 60 countries worldwide. The SWECO share is quoted on the Stockholm Stock Exchange.

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