

Innovate Inc's Geospatial Services featured in NIH NITAAC CIOSP3 Solutions Showcase

Innovate's EPA Office of Water Fresh Water and Marine Beach Sanitary Survey Application Showcased

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, UNITED STATES, October 13, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- NITAAC CIOSP3 Solutions Showcase selected [Innovate! Inc.](#) (Innovate) to represent the Federal Government's growing interest in incorporating geospatial services into their initiatives. The Showcase offers the Federal Government insight into the innovative quality Geospatial and IT solutions that Innovate delivers.

The Solutions Showcase highlights one of Innovate's projects with longtime client – US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Innovate's EPA Office of Water Fresh Water and Marine Beach Sanitary Survey Application is the project that NITAAC developed a video and blog post to describe. EPA uses the surveys to help waterbody managers evaluate all contributing waterbody and watershed information including water quality data, pollution source data, and land use data. The data from the App can be exported for use in predictive models and for sharing within or between agencies (e.g., public health and environmental).

Innovate was tasked to evaluate approaches and provide apps for both the annual and routine surveys that were scalable and able to evolve over time along with technology. The EPA requested that these formats be cost effective and not require extensive operations and maintenance. Innovate selected Esri's Survey123 to modernize the surveys because of the product's many benefits.

Innovate's Project Manager, Michael Blair, notes that "Prior to Survey123, individual state program partners had access to their own data, but sharing it required a state to voluntarily send data. The new ONE EPA GeoPlatform serves as a central repository instead. The new approach supports states and other users collectively sharing data. It also provides a stable platform for use across multiple devices and multiple operating systems." In addition to easier sharing and data downloads, the platform is compatible with all mobile/handheld devices, free to use and include photos, includes geolocation of beach and waterbody locations and internet/Wi-Fi is not required for field usage.

"It was an honor to be selected to represent the geospatial community and the impactful solutions integrating GIS can achieve. We are fortunate that we were able to bring our expertise with Esri's suite of products forward to support the EPA's mission," noted Frank Roberts, Innovate

GIS/IT Director.

Innovate's application enables easy sharing from state partners into one central location, the ONE EPA GeoPlatform. The data collected can then be used by agencies and different jurisdictions to share trends, create predictive models and help with decision making in other ways.

To read more about Innovate's solution and view the video, please [visit our website](#). The video also can be viewed directly on [NITAAC's site](#).

About Innovate

Innovate is a leader in the geospatial industry, helping solve challenges within the community and deliver scalable solutions to our clients. Our team combines capabilities in software engineering, information technology, data, and environmental science with over 20 years of industry experience, resulting in elite technical expertise that our clients and partners trust, including Esri. We are an Esri Silver Level Business partner and participant in Esri's Beta testing program, which gives us direct insight into upcoming releases and products. Innovate earned the Esri 2020 Partner Award for Excellence in Collaboration for our leadership on the Department of Interior's (DOI) mission critical tool, the Integrated Reporting of Wildland Fire Information (IRWIN) application. We earned the 2018 Innovation Award for our Data Management Tool (DMT) and Locator applications for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Based on Innovate's achievements, our team is regularly requested to speak at Esri conferences, and our custom widgets are shared for free within the Esri community (e.g., our GroupedLayer for Esri WebApp Builder).

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About NITAAC

NITAAC (NIH Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center) is housed within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and is a full service acquisition program that has been designated a federal Executive Agent, authorized by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to administer the Government-Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) for information technology (IT) acquisitions. CIO-SP3 Small Business can be used by any Federal civilian or Department of Defense (DoD) agency to acquire information technology services, solutions, and commodities from pre-qualified vendors at lower than open market prices in less time than going the traditional full and open route. NITAAC maintains a full service assisted acquisition program for federal government partners.

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