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To Whom It May Concern,

For those of you in need of Parcel Mapping and GIS Services, it is my pleasure to recommend that you seriously consider Cartographic Associates, Inc. of Littleton, NH for the quality and scope of services they offer. In the course of my employment in the Municipal Appraisal and Assessment Administration field in Massachusetts over the past 25 years in several jurisdictions, I've had to seek some of these services annually. Having reviewed bids, proposals, and most important the final products and services of several mapping firms, I find Cartographic Associates (CAI) provides the required scope of services at the highest quality of the industry.

The Town of Franklin contracted with CAI beginning in 2003 for a complete town-wide compilation of recorded deed and approved plan record information. For us, this resulted in a very high quality digitized parcel mapping program that with standard annual maintenance will always retain its utility and never go out of date. In addition to annual updates for deed and plan changes to the parcel fabric, the Town has procured from CAI a GIS software, an internet web access to the current parcel maps, annual maintenance and GPS physical feature (new buildings) capture services to supplement our 2003 aerial photo/planimetric data. Their GIS Query Manager software in particular provided an immediate solution to our requirement to generate Lists of Abutters suitable for Certification by the Assessor for official notification of Public Hearings. The software allows for an import of a legal (owner & mailing address) file once extracted from the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system, in our case the Patriot Properties' Assesspro appraisal & assessment administration software.

Equally important is the professionalism of Cartographic Associates through its officers and staff. This includes meeting the project milestones and timelines while continuously maintaining the quality of the work. All this is done with consistent and effective on-going communication with the community's officials, employees, and its property owners and their authorized agents (attorneys, surveyors, etc.). Please consider CAI for any parcel mapping or GIS solution services. Feel free to call me.

Respectfully submitted,


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