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Weedseeker Helps Cities with Weed Control

Municipalities, Utility companies and others can use economical, ecologically-sound equipment

Centennial, CO (May 11, 2011) – With the summer fast approaching, municipalities, parks and rec organizations, utilities and other organizations with easements, sidewalks, roadsides or pavements are now dealing with the annual problem of weed control.

In order to cut the expense, provide a better ecological solution to widespread herbicide spraying and be more efficient in application, municipalities are looking at Weedseeker from Trimble, now available beyond agricultural applications from Colorado-based CompassTools.

Weedseeker contains a sensor and a control panel that can be installed on street sweepers or other vehicles, to automatically detect the presence of weeds and then spot spray them – not pavement or bare ground. Cities using Weedseeker have seen a significant drop in weed control costs because of less use of pesticides along with more efficient use of personnel.

For more information, here is a video explaining how the equipment works:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYukqW0i5T4>

“Our sister company, CompassCom, provides fleet tracking software for cities and utility companies around the United States, and many of those customers could use Weedseeker in their vehicles,” said Steve Chiles, president of CompassTools. “We think it’s a great addition to our GIS-related hardware and software offerings, as it can help our customers economically and ecologically, and it allows them to see exactly how much herbicide is being used, when and where.”

For more information about Weedseeker, go to: www.weedseeker.com.

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About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location—including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif. Learn more at www.trimble.com