

Middlesex Water Company Announces Technology Partnership with Woodbridge Township

Iselin, NJ (May 23, 2006) – Middlesex Water Company (**NASDAQ:MSEX**), has announced plans to join with Woodbridge Township in a technology partnership that will help in data collection for all fire hydrants located throughout the Township.

Middlesex Water owns a Geographic Positioning System (GPS) unit that allows the collection of map coordinates via satellite in real time. Under the partnership, the Company will provide the GPS unit and associated training to the Woodbridge District 1 Fire Department who will use the unit to collect hydrant information for all hydrants throughout Woodbridge Township. Those coordinates, will be entered into the Company's Geographic Information System (GIS), along with the size of the water main to which the hydrant is attached, identification number and manufacturer. Middlesex will then download and share this data with the Township who will make this information available to all fire departments throughout the Township.

The data collected will essentially be linked into an existing Township GIS information network and can enable fire departments, while in transit, to view, on computer, the distance of the nearest hydrant to the fire to which they are responding. The same data will assist Middlesex Water Company in better analyzing, operating and maintaining its water distribution system.

“This idea came out of the Company's ongoing discussions with fire professionals,” said Dennis Doll, President of Middlesex Water. “Middlesex Water and Township fire professionals have a mutual interest in collecting hydrant data. We own and maintain these hydrants for the benefit of the fire departments that use them for fire protection purposes. In our discussions with Fire Commissioner Jack Kenny, it made sense to pool our resources to share equipment and hydrant data, enabling both parties to work more efficiently to obtain the most accurate, up-to-date information,” said Doll.

Middlesex Water is currently developing the use of GIS technology for use in planning and asset management. The Company has conducted a pilot GIS technology program with the City of South Amboy and is looking to expand the program throughout its entire system.

“We look forward to working with the Township in best utilizing this technology to enhance both water service and fire protection to Woodbridge Township residents,” added Mr. Doll. Middlesex Water Company, (**NASDAQ:MSEX**), is a provider of water, wastewater and related services in New Jersey and Delaware. For more information, visit the Company's website at www.middlesexwater.com

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