



iOS Map Viewer Announcement

ATHENS, GA (June 20, 2011)—Partner Software is pleased to announce a version of the Partner Map Viewer for Apple iOS devices, including iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch.

Since 1997, Partner has focused on map-based applications that are simple to use, fast, and compatible with the wide range of desktop, laptop, tablet, and handheld computers used in offices, trucks and the field.

The iOS viewer includes a full copy of the utility maps so it can run disconnected from the network. Standard map viewing features, such as panning, zooming, data selection and viewing, search, and GPS integration, are included. Map rendering is fast, fluid, and responsive. Dynamic layers can display outages, vehicle locations, inspections, and other modules. These can be updated over Wi-Fi or mobile networks when they are available but still function disconnected.

The new Map Viewer is currently in beta testing and should be generally available by the end of 2011. Early response has been strong.

"We have worked with Partner for several years on putting digital maps in our trucks," said Steven Latham, Manager of IT at South Plains Electric Cooperative in Lubbock, TX. "They have always come up with new and creative ways to put digital maps in the field. From palms and truck computers to tablets and laptops Partner has always helped us meet our goals with our maps. With the new tablet technology that the iPad offers and Partner's software technology, we are getting to a device that looks like it is going to meet our mobile needs like we had always envisioned when we went to mobile digital maps. We are very excited about this new technology and what it will do for us."

Partner's iOS Map Viewer marks its return to handheld and mobile operating systems. "I've been waiting for a good tablet solution for 15 years. The introduction of the iPad and competing products from Android vendors finally meets my customer's needs for portability, usability, and battery life," said Paul Reavis, President of Partner Software.

The iPad, iPhone, and iPod run an operating system named iOS. "Unfortunately, iOS doesn't run traditional desktop apps or Java, so we couldn't just use our current Map Application Platform," Reavis said. "Instead we have written an iOS-specific version of our Platform."

Partner's map viewing technology is specifically designed for small, resource-constrained environments. "Our previous success with map viewing on the Palm platform gave me confidence that we could port our viewer to iOS. I have been pleasantly surprised by both the power of these new devices and by how well our technology works on them," Reavis said.

While Partner plans on also supporting the Android and Windows Mobile Platforms, it is currently focusing on the iOS platform. "We're designing for cross-platform compatibility, but we want to provide a working solution as soon as possible," explained Reavis. "The iPad seems to be a solid and popular choice at this time."

iOS support will be available to Partner customers at a nominal additional cost.

About Partner Software

Partner Software, Inc. is a software development company located in Athens, GA. Partner focuses on mapping and field tools for the utility industry. Founded in 1997, the company has more than 135 utility customers serving approximately 4.5 million meters.

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