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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **RiskMeter Announces Top Ten Tornado Prone Cities**

Boston, MA, November 2006 - CDS Business Mapping, LLC a leader in online hazard mapping, today announced its list of the top ten tornado prone metro cities. This list is based on the RiskMeter Online's Tornado Model, which predicts the severity of tornadoes for any location in the Continental United States. According to a report just released by the RiskMeter Online, the following top ten tornado prone metro-cities are as follows:

- 1.) Aurora, CO (100)
- 2.) St. Petersburg, FL (92)
- 3.) Houston, TX (90)
- 4.) Hollywood, FL (87)
- 5.) Sioux Falls, SD (72)
- 6.) Little Rock, AR (72)
- 7.) Dallas, TX (69)
- 8.) Ames, IA (63)
- 9.) Oklahoma City, OK (62)
- 10.) Bloomington, IL (59)

Tornado exposure has and will always be a consistent threat to insurers. According to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in an average year the U.S. experiences 1,200 tornadoes, which kills 55 Americans, injures 1,500 and causes more than \$400 million in damage. For more information about the frequency and geography of tornadoes, please contact Daniel Munson, VP of Sales & Marketing at 617.737.4444 or [dmunson@cdsys.com](mailto:dmunson@cdsys.com) and ask to receive a free copy of our Tornado report.

### **About RiskMeter.com**

The RiskMeter is used by underwriters and agents to automate property lookups. The RiskMeter utilizes Internet mapping technology to enable underwriters to determine the proximity to natural hazards for any property in the United States. The RiskMeter is far more accurate and faster than any other method of property lookups, and can save underwriters considerable time and money. The Risk Meter performs many types of lookups, including distance to coast, windpool eligibility, rating territories (company specific), proximity to brush, earthquake information, flood zones and others.

### **About CDS Business Mapping**

CDS Business Mapping, LLC., was founded in 1994 as a desktop mapping sales and consulting company. The company offers a full line of mapping software, data and applications for insurers. The company specializes in natural hazard risk assessment tools and data. The company is dedicated to the creation and implementation of mapping solutions for the insurance industry.

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