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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**RiskMeter Announces Top Ten Hail Prone Cities**

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

- 1.) Tulsa, OK
- 2.) Amarillo, TX
- 3.) Oklahoma City, OK
- 4.) Wichita, KS
- 5.) Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
- 6.) Arlington, TX
- 7.) Denver, CO
- 8.) Colorado Springs, CO
- 9.) Shreveport, LA
- 10.) Kansas City, KS/MO

Hail events are a constant threat to property and casualty insurers. In 2005 alone, there were over 13,000 hail storms in the United States. In addition, according to Swiss RE, 4 out of the top 20 most costly insurance losses of 2005 were hail related. For more information about the frequency and geography of hail, 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 new Hail 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. CDS Business Mapping also specializes in natural hazard risk assessment tools and data and is dedicated to the creation and implementation of mapping solutions for the insurance industry.

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