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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**DC, DE, LA, MD, VA Added to RiskMeter's Distance to Fire Station Report**

Boston, MA, January 2005 - CDS Business Mapping, LLC a leader in online property risk mapping has just added DC, DE, LA, MD and VA to its Distance to Fire Station report on the RiskMeter Online ([www.RiskMeter.com](http://www.RiskMeter.com)). This brings the total number of states available online to twelve!

The distance between a property and the primary fire station directly affects an insurance carrier's loss ratio. By simply typing in an address, RiskMeter Online users can get a detailed report that returns: drive distance to local fire stations, names of the stations and staffing (career or volunteer). What once used to be an error prone and time-consuming process can now be done within a matter of seconds.

"The key to success in the insurance industry is being able to quickly assess risk," explains Dan Munson, VP of Sales and Marketing. "The Distance to Fire Station report will help insurance carriers quickly verify the distance from local fire stations, and it will improve underwriting performance, by saving valuable time and money in the early stages of the underwriting process."

**About RiskMeter.com**

The RiskMeter is used by underwriters and agents to automate property risk reports. The RiskMeter utilizes Internet mapping technology, enabling 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 RiskMeter 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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