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BlueSky brings revolutionary 3D printer to UK market
June 08, 2007

Company: [bluesky International Limited](#)
Industry: Remote Sensing & Image Processing, Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), Computer Hardware/Workstations, Photogrammetry & Aerial Surveying
Location: Coalville, Leicestershire, United Kingdom



UK aerial mapping company BlueSky has extended their exclusive agreement with Art Systems Ltd, the UK specialist distributor of large format imaging and printing technology, to include a revolutionary 3D printing solution from Z-Corporation. BlueSky already has an exclusive agreement to supply Contex high definition 3D printers to the Central and

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Local Government organisations, as well as the GIS market, and the addition of Z-Corporation ZPrinter® 450 will further strengthen this position in these rapidly expanding markets.

The ZPrinter 450 from Z-Corporation is set to revolutionise 3D printing, combining speed and accuracy of model production with brilliant colour and exceptional detail. At the lowest price of any 3D printer currently available the ZPrinter 450 ensures that 3D printing is accessible to all. As well as reselling printer units BlueSky is able to utilise their experience and expertise of producing high quality digital geographic models by offering a service to produce and supply 3D models to their cross-market client base.

“As with all technology there is a time lag between introduction of the first high-end solutions and appearance on the market of entry-level models,” said Mat Day, Technical Sales Manager at BlueSky. “We have seen a lot of interest in the existing units and strongly believe the ZPrinter will enhance the product range and service we provide.”

3D printers produce a physical model of a computer generated design in much the same way as a standard desktop printer produces a hard copy replication of a document. Using proprietary software the computer design is ‘sliced’ into thousands of ultra fine layers. Each layer is then ‘printed’ by spreading a sub millimetre thin layer of composite powder onto a base and the model is built up with subsequent layers of powder fixed together using a liquid binder. 3D printers are fast, producing models in a fraction of the time and cost that traditional model making methods take.

“The potential applications of this technology within the GIS and Government sectors are endless and we believe that BlueSky has the experience and market presence to capitalise on these opportunities,” said Terence Logan, 3D Print Product Manager at Art Systems Ltd.

BlueSky are UK based specialists in aerial imaging and remote sensing data collection and processing. With projects extending from New York to Paris they have an international reputation for the creation of seamless, digital aerial photography and 3D



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