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San Bernardino County Expands “Green County SB” Benefits for Citizens with Electronic Plan Submission and Review

ProjectDox® ePlan Solution Promotes Environmental, Energy and Paperless Mandates, “Green Builder” Program

Scottsdale, Ariz. — September 16, 2008 — Avolve Software, developers of ProjectDox® communication and collaboration software, announced today that San Bernardino County, CA will deploy Avolve's ProjectDox as part of a cross-departmental initiative that continues the Green County San Bernardino campaign that was adopted in August, 2007 by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors under Chairman Paul Biane.

Avolve Software Corporation's ProjectDox ePlan solution enables jurisdictions nationwide to offer web-based electronic file submission and review to citizens, architects, and developers who work with their Building, Planning and Public Works departments in the review process of building and engineering plans. Key benefits include reducing paper, printing costs, storage costs, deforestation, drive time, gasoline consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions – while also speeding and streamlining processes within multiple county departments.

San Bernardino County is the largest county in California and in the continental United States by area, and is larger than each of the nine smallest states, covering 20,160 square miles. The county is growing rapidly, adding over 300,000 new residents in just the last seven years alone. The Land Use Services Department provides land use planning, building and safety, and code enforcement services to property owners within the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.



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“With San Bernardino County being so large, some of our citizens were having to drive well over an hour each way to drop off and pick up paper plans,” said Julie Rynerson Rock, Director of Land Use Services.

“ProjectDox will save our citizens drive time, gasoline, paper and printing costs by allowing them to submit plans electronically for review. Using ProjectDox will contribute very positively to our Green County SB and Green Builder goals of reducing greenhouse gases and promoting environmental responsibility in the county.”

A component of the Green County SB initiative, The San Bernardino County Green Builder Program is a voluntary program that grants incentives to citizens and businesses that adopt environmental best-practices in design and construction projects. By deploying ProjectDox, San Bernardino County officials have taken another big step to align their departments’ internal operations with their Green Builder promotions and incentives. Certified Green Builder members receive preferred and expedited plan review and field inspection services from the county’s Land Use Services Department. ProjectDox parallel plan review workflows have been known to reduce review and approval times up to 80% depending on the project.

“Even though our Green Builder Program is voluntary, as a county we still have the responsibility to lead by example”, commented Ms. Rynerson Rock. “It only makes sense for us to complete the loop and make it easier for those who want to practice environmentally-friendly building standards. But that’s not the whole story. ePlan submission is a smart business practice, providing operational efficiencies that are impossible with paper. We plan to implement ProjectDox across a number of our agencies, including departments in Public Works, Fire and the Office of the Clerk,” she added.

“As San Bernardino County continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to promote, expand and manage streamlined business processes for sustainable building practices, said Ron Loback, President and CEO of Avolve. “In this regard, ProjectDox is a perfect fit. The county is sending an important message to its citizens and those who may choose to make it their home – that they’re progressive and ready for the future. We’re very enthusiastic about being one of their technology partners”, he added.

About Avolve Software Corporation

Avolve Software is a subsidiary of Informative Graphics Corporation (IGC). Avolve develops and markets ProjectDox online collaboration project management software. IGC, which was founded in 1990, is a leading developer of commercial software products for content visualization, secure publishing and collaboration. Avolve Software has sales and marketing partners worldwide, including in Japan, Korea, Brazil and the United Kingdom. For more information, visit www.avolvesoftware.com.



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