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### VLS Releases LIDAR Analyst 4.1 for ArcGIS

MISSOULA, MT – So you have LIDAR data. Now what? Are you ready to move beyond merely visualizing your LIDAR and into real 3D geospatial analysis? Do you want to map your buildings in 3D? How about knowing the location and types of your trees? Wouldn't it be nice to have a highly accurate terrain surface? After all, these features and more are easily accessible from your LIDAR data with the LIDAR Analyst software product from Visual Learning Systems Inc. (VLS).

VLS' new release of LIDAR Analyst 4.1 is now available to automatically extract features and more, in a simple and straight-forward manner. LIDAR Analyst completely automates the collection of attributed 3D buildings, trees, forested regions and bare earth from airborne LIDAR. New capabilities include direct processing of point clouds in .LAS format, extraction of realistic 3D buildings with complex rooftops, and access to a suite of 3-D Shapefile editing tools.

"People spend money on LIDAR, giving them significant returns of light, the new release of LIDAR Analyst gives them significant returns on investment." states VLS President Dr. David Opitz, "Without LIDAR Analyst, customers are either forced to use their LIDAR for visualization only, or accept the features data providers deliver with no ability to fine-tune, alter, or improve. Now, with LIDAR Analyst 4.1, each customer has full power and control over exploiting their LIDAR data."

Free evaluation copies of the LIDAR Analyst software including a tutorial are available at [www.lidaranalyst.com](http://www.lidaranalyst.com)

#### About VLS

VLS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Overwatch Systems, and is the international leader in automated image mapping and image intelligence solutions. Feature Analyst® and LIDAR Analyst®, the VLS flagship software products, are used worldwide to automate the collection of 2D and 3D features from all types of imagery to support defense, Homeland Security, education, environmental projects and more. Feature Analyst exists as extensions to ERDAS IMAGINE, SOCET SET, the ArcGIS suite, and GeoMedia, and is used in every U.S. state, in over 50 countries and 100 universities. LIDAR Analyst is the innovative new VLS product that automates 3D capture of buildings, trees, and bare earth terrain from LIDAR data. More information can be found at [www.vls-inc.com](http://www.vls-inc.com).

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