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**MAXIMUM EXPOSURE CONSTRUCTION BID DISTRIBUTION SERVICE
OPENS OFFICE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS**

Austin, Texas: AEPlans LLC, a national construction bid solicitation clearinghouse that has been wildly popular with the contractors in areas that it has been marketed, has opened a new facility in Austin, Texas to directly support its Texas users. The new AEPlans Texas organization is under the leadership of Troy Secord, Regional Vice President of Business Development. He has been a registered architect with Secord & Lebow Architects, LLP in Wichita Falls, for sixteen years and has extensive project management experience. After using the AEPlans service. Troy stated. “ I was so impressed with the benefits that AEPlans delivers to all partners involved in the construction process, the owner, the design professional and the construction community, that I wanted to be part of the team. And contractors love the AEPlans service because it’s fast, convenient, available 24/7 over the Internet and it’s free.”

The AEPlans service was originally created by an American Institute of Architects (AIA) component based on the idea that making the bid documents conveniently available free of charge maximizes project exposure and guarantees the project owner the best possible bid. Project owners pay a one-time fee for listing projects which is typically less than their current distribution costs, and the AEPlans

service makes them securely available to all interested parties including other local and national plan rooms and reprographers free of charge.

By supplying the originating design professional with free originating software, AEPlans makes their job of assembling the documents and managing the bid process much easier and it creates an end-to-end electronic environment. This allows AEPlans to provide many helpful functions such as instantly notifying all interested parties when addenda are issued for a project, a process that was very slow and costly using the previous paper-based method of distribution.

AEPlans previously supported its Texas customers from its office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where the company was originally launched in 2003. In addition to the Austin facility, the Texas organization has an office in Wichita Falls with future plans for similar facilities in Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio. The Texas AEPlans organization is responsible for marketing, education and support of all the company's customers in Texas.

About AEPlans, LLC

AEPlans LLC corporate office is in Everett, Washington with executive staff located in Baton Rouge, LA and Roanoke, VA. The regional expansion to Texas and additional offices in key geographic locations throughout the US is planned for 2005. For further information on AEPlans LLC or its products and services please contact Joanne Coghlan, VP Marketing: 425-438-3142.