

foreword

The eleventh edition of the Association for Geographic Information's source book sees the cessation of the printed version of the book and the introduction for the first time the book on CD-ROM. The trade directories are also available online at the AGI web site www.agi.org.uk together with the AGI reference material. This eleventh edition of the book also sees a return of the comprehensive version of the directories and reference material on the CD-ROM with a limited version only available on the AGI web site. The AGI has continued to concentrate on providing comprehensive reference material as in the tenth edition.

With the introduction of the book on CD-ROM several new features have been introduced which enhance the book. These features include the use of colour, hyper links, and formatting the pages so that they can be printed if so desired such that they will look attractive and enable filing without loss of content. The 2001/2002 source book includes the details on more than 225 organisations involved in the geographic information sector, as well as an extensive bibliography containing over 1200 entries on AGI published conference papers, source book articles and AGI publications. This comprehensive collection of reference material backed up by the AGI web site, which contains a vast range of other material, makes available at a single source a comprehensive one-stop shop window onto geographic information within the UK.

All the information in the detailed directories both on the CD-ROM and online versions has been provided by the organisations themselves from a questionnaire distributed in the spring of 2001. No charge has been made for the basic entries in the book, although some have chosen to expand on their entry by taking further space. Although the editor has done his best to ensure that the information included is accurate; no responsibility can be taken for any errors that may be included. We would of course be grateful to receive notification of any errors or omissions.

The AGI's thanks are due to the editor Chris Corbin for the effort he has put into compiling the book.

We hope that you will find the book in conjunction with the online directories useful in your day-to-day work. Your comments and criticism would be welcome.

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