
PRESS RELEASE:

Call Before You Dig

Partnering up for safety, efficiency, and accuracy

Markham, ON, Friday, June 12, 2015 – First Base Solutions (FBS), a leading provider of geospatial data and services is excited to announce its partnership with Ontario One Call (ON1Call). FBS worked with ON1Call to develop a mapping interface that allows homeowners and contractors to easily and accurately submit location tickets for underground utilities on properties.

In January 2015, ON1Call unveiled its new online service. With the help of high resolution orthophotos (aerial images), customers can use the interactive map interface developed by FBS to locate their property, indicate dig locations and submit a locate request ticket. The automated system then alerts the utility owner and field staff to complete the locate.

"It was a fun project to work on, and one that will save a lot of people time and money," says Ben-Hur Abucay, Director, First Base Solutions.

"The fines and consequences for hitting underground utilities are severe. Any homeowner having work done on their property should request a locate," said Abucay.

In June 2012, the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed Bill 8, the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act 2012, which, among other things, requires any owner of buried infrastructure in the public right of way to register that infrastructure with ON1Call.

ON1Call was formed in 1996 to establish a call centre that receives excavation locate requests and notifies registered owners of underground facilities within the vicinity of the proposed excavation. On1Call's mission is to reduce damages to underground facilities and promote safe excavation practices throughout Ontario.

From governments to small businesses, for the last 15 years, First Base Solutions has been the primary source for geospatial data and services in Ontario. You might not know our name, but you definitely know our data. Don't be left behind, contact FBS today and let us show you how geodata will help improve your bottom line.

ABOUT FIRST BASE SOLUTIONS:

Established in 2000 in Markham, ON, First Base Solutions (FBS) is a wholly owned subsidiary of J.D. Barnes Ltd. and is a provider of orthophotography, parcel mapping, digital elevation models, and other geospatial data to a variety of industries in Ontario and beyond. Professional services include aerial image acquisition, custom mapping, and geospatial software development. FBS is a Google Geospatial, DigitalGlobe, and Teranet partner, and is an authorized reseller of the Google Maps API and Google Earth Enterprise solutions. FBS offers three web applications to access our data: VuMAP, MapWarehouse, and FBSWMS. To learn more please visit www.firstbasesolutions.com

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