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SonTek/YSI Receives Record \$3.4 Million Dollar Order USGS investment to benefit critical, national water monitoring programs

San Diego, CA, June 20, 2010 – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 earmarked \$14.6 million to the U.S. Geological Survey for upgrades to its 7,500-station national streamgage network, and in direct response, has purchased \$3.4 million dollars worth of hi-technology electro-acoustic instruments from San Diego-based SonTek/YSI.

In addition to the popular FlowTracker and Argonaut products, the order also included 33 of the award winning, multi-frequency RiverSurveyor S5/M9 systems.

The acoustic Doppler instruments will be used for water velocity measurement in streams, rivers and canals to help provide critical information used to estimate flood dangers, protect fragile ecosystems, construct safe bridges and roadways, and monitor the effects of climate change on water availability.

SonTek/YSI Director of Global Business development, Chris Ward, said that this order demonstrates the need for both more accurate and more efficient collection of environmental data. “The need for rapid and accurate water flow data is not just a need in the U.S.” said Ward. “Over half of our products are exported overseas to water-stressed parts of the world such as China, India, and Australia.”

Ward also expressed the advantages of being located in San Diego. “Our products fill very unique needs and require top talent to develop, manufacture, and support. Being located in the high technology region of San Diego affords us the ability to attract and retain high caliber technology professionals” he concluded.

The USGS collects streamflow information to determine how much water is available in different locations across the nation. Because the effects of climate change on water availability could become a critical issue in certain regions of the nation, accurate long-term streamflow information is necessary to determine how water managers can respond and adapt to these changes.

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SonTek/YSI, founded in 1992 and advancing environmental science in over 100 countries, manufactures affordable, reliable acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories. SonTek/YSI is headquartered in San Diego, California, and is part of YSI Inc., an employee owned company that provides monitoring and data collection instrumentation to global water quality, water quantity, and aquaculture markets.