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Description of Key Projects

Illinois Natural Areas Inventory Update

EPSI serves a subcontractor for this \$4.5 million, 3-year effort to update the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI). The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has provided the funding for phase I of this project, with the Illinois Natural History Survey at the University of Illinois serving as the prime contractor. EPSI serves as the Planning and Communications Coordinator for this project, with the following primary responsibilities:

- Engaging stakeholders statewide. This includes organizing workshops, meeting with key local, state and federal agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, and preparing news articles, fact sheets, and other educational materials.
- Landowner contact. This project requires identifying and contacting landowners to secure permission to access their lands to conduct natural resources surveys. EPSI has developed landowner contact protocols which are sensitive to the issues of private landowners, as well as addressing the issues related to public landowners.
- Developing the project budget. In cooperation with the lead contractor, EPSI is responsible for developing and revising the \$4.5 million project budget.

Visit the INAI web for more information on this exciting state-wide project:
<http://www.inhs.uiuc.edu/research/inai/>.