

Almelo municipality chooses Topcon



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Where is something? Where is something happening? Two questions at the basis of spatial information. At the department of Geo-Information of the municipality Almelo spatial information is being translated to handy information that helps in locating objects. On the basis of this information colleagues of the municipality, but also citizens and companies can take decisions. “And the importance of this kind of geo-information is only increasing”, says André Weeink, coordinator Geo-Information of the municipality Almelo.

The municipality Almelo is developing. “The municipality will have to go through a facelift. New high buildings should replace the mainly older quarters. At the department of Geo-Information we look at how we can contribute to this with spatial data. That’s why we recently started working with two Topcon GPS-sets and a permanent base on top of the building. The GPS of Topcon was the only one that offered the option for GLONASS. And that means we have a better coverage.”

The advantages are clear, as far as Weeink is concerned. “By buying this base and rover, we no longer have to hire external advisors. This not only saves money and time, but also helps the quality of our measurements. We can now take on all orders and completely take care of them ourselves. Productivity has also risen because we do not have to board out our jobs, which costs more time. We can take on more projects and keep it all in on our own department. The savings amount to 40%. Besides savings in time, we also save on employees. Where we needed three employees in the past (just for all the calculations), one employee can now do all the measurements. By owning our own base, we are no longer dependant of third parties, which helps the quality of our work.”

