

for Canadian geomatics companies in the smaller municipalities of Antioquia. This report provides contact information only for the larger cities of Colombia.

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The environment industry is very decentralized. Each departamento (or state) has its own Regional Autonomous Corporation (CAR), which is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of policies and environmental laws set out by the national Government. The CAR's report directly to the Ministry of the Environment.

The contact information is provided for the CAR located in Bogota and responsible for the departamento de Cundinamarca. These regional organizations frequently advertise geomatics contracts and have worked with some of the leading Colombian geomatics company. They are also responsible for inspecting any projects within their region that will adversely effect the environment, and it ensures that these projects meet all the environmental guidelines set out by the Colombian government.

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