

Hometown Connections Selects Clevest To Automate & Transform Utility Field Operations for Public Power

Clevest Uniquely Addresses Mobile Workforce Challenges

LAKEWOOD, CO and PLANO, TX – May 2, 2016 – Hometown Connections, the utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association (APPA), and Clevest announced a partnership to provide mobile workforce automation and smart grid operation solutions to public power electric, gas and water utilities. Clevest specializes in enabling utilities to transform their field operations by rapidly automating and optimizing any field work activity or process to improve response time and effectiveness.

Through Hometown Connections, APPA members gain access to discount pricing on systems and services from the industry's leading vendors, as well as consulting support in the areas of organization assessment, strategic planning, market research, and workforce solutions.

Clevest offers flexible deployment options, including on premise or in the cloud, to deliver a best-in-class, utility-specific mobile software suite. Clevest's award-winning platform powers a product suite that includes mobile workforce management, automatic vehicle location, meter reading, asset investment planning and patent-pending configuration technology, as well as the only complete solution for smart grid operations and maintenance activities. In addition, Clevest brings to public power a ground-breaking mutual aid program on a national scale.

Through the National Mutual Aid Registry, Clevest provides a simple system that dramatically improves the mutual aid process on a national scale. The program allows emergency coordinators to guide both home and visiting crews and contractors to the nearest outage site. It ensures smooth communications over compatible radios, and cuts down on the extra dispatcher time it takes to coordinate over telephone. And – most importantly – utilities will better manage safety procedures when energizing power lines. The cloud-based technology allows utilities to view and share crew/vehicle information, locate vehicles in real time and send/receive assistance requests to coordinators.

“Hometown Connections is very excited to partner with Clevest to deliver much needed field automation software tools and the National Mutual Aid Registry to the public power mobile workforce,” said Bill Smart, Senior Vice President, Business Development. “As APPA members invest in advanced technologies, they need to extend the productivity improvements of these information systems all the way to field personnel for improving routine procedures and emergency outage response.”

“Clevest focuses all its brainpower to create solutions and services with a core objective: to enable a utility to manage all types of field work from a single mobile platform with powerful scheduling and dispatch,” said Thomas Ligocki, President, CEO and Chairman. “We look forward to partnering with Hometown Connections to transform public power's utility field operations.”

About Hometown Connections International, LLC

Hometown Connections is the utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association, offering public power utilities guidance and access to quality products/services from a trusted entity with public power's best interests in mind. Hometown Connections personnel provide consulting support in the areas of organization assessment, strategic planning, governance development, market research, and staffing. Hometown Connections is a resource to APPA members large and small, providing discounted pricing on technology, services, and other solutions from industry-leading companies. The products and services offered through Hometown Connections include the full range of advanced grid solutions, as well as financial and organizational management tools and consulting. For more information, visit

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About Clevest

Clevest provides software for mobile workforce automation and smart grid operations exclusively for electric, gas and water utilities. Over 150 utilities worldwide have chosen Clevest to transform their field operations by harnessing the power of our software and deep domain knowledge of mobile computing and utility operations. Clevest's award-winning platform powers a product suite that includes mobile workforce management, real-time automated vehicle location, meter reading solutions and patentpending configuration technology, as well as the only complete solution for smart grid deployment operations and maintenance activities. For more information visit www.clevest.com.

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