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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN RECEIVES INNOVATION AWARD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW OUTAGE SOFTWARE

Rockford, Minn. (April 25, 2012) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) recently received GeoDigital Solutions' Innovation Award for a project designed to expedite the cooperative's outage reporting process.

GeoDigital provides work management software for the cooperative and assisted WH with further enhancing its software to make power outage reporting much more efficient. This allows WH's line crews to update outage information from the field, eliminating excess radio traffic and duplicate data entry in the cooperative's dispatch center.

Additionally, the software gives WH line crews the ability to view live information about locations of outages occurring in the cooperative's service territory from out in the field.

"WH is honored that GeoDigital has chosen to recognize this project with its Innovation Award," said WH IT Support Specialist Jason Delaria, who played a key role in the project. "This software will help our line workers and dispatchers track outages much easier, and make the outage restoration process much more efficient during times of large-scale outages."

GeoDigital Solutions is a division of GeoDigital International, a worldwide leader in corridor and wide-area digital mapping. With the largest fleet of digital imaging sensors in North America, GeoDigital has the resources to deliver the highest quality results under the most demanding conditions. From multiple data acquisition platforms to online geo-data delivery, GeoDigital is focused on innovative, customer-driven solutions.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 that provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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