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For Immediate Release:

Successful MultiSpeak® Version 4 Test Marks Progress on Interoperability

Clevest Solutions and Milsoft Utility Solutions Achieve MultiSpeak® Version 3 and Version 4 Certification

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA -- Clevest Solutions Inc. and Milsoft Utility Solutions have passed MultiSpeak® Version 4 certification, successfully integrating automatic vehicle location data from Clevest's Mobile Field Force AVL application with Milsoft's DisSPatch® outage management system (OMS).

Clevest Solutions Inc. and Milsoft Utility Solutions are the first two firms to receive MultiSpeak Version 4 certification. The new version of the MultiSpeak specification will facilitate efforts to harmonize MultiSpeak with standards developed by Technical Committee 57 of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) used today by transmission and wholesale power utilities but not yet fully developed for distribution utilities.

By integrating Milsoft's OMS solution with the comprehensive automatic vehicle location (AVL) data provided by Clevest's Mobile Field Force, utilities can efficiently mobilize crews to outage locations and more quickly restore power to their customers.

Clevest's AVL data provides visibility of workers and assets in the field with real-time updates of vehicle GPS location data, vehicle status, orders, and order status to Milsoft's DisSPatch Client Map.

The MultiSpeak specification, a project initiated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) for the over 800 electric distribution co-ops, originated almost a decade ago as a set of specifications enabling the integration of automation software. Since 2003, MultiSpeak has provided integration solutions for operations systems, including smart meters, SCADA and GIS.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently acknowledged the role MultiSpeak can play in advancing interoperability, when NIST identified NRECA's MultiSpeak, a software specification targeted to distribution cooperatives, as one of a set of existing standards that can support smart grid development.

[Milsoft Utility Solutions, Inc.](#)

Milsoft has provided powerful software solutions for power system professionals in over 1,000 rural electric cooperatives, municipalities, educational institutions, and consultant offices in the United States and abroad. Milsoft offers a suite of software solutions including Engineering Analysis, Outage Management, Integrated Voice Response, Geospatial Information Systems and Field Engineering to optimize utility performance and efficiency. Milsoft has developed an outstanding reputation for delivering quality products, services and support to the electric utility industry for over two decades and continues to thrive on product innovation and superior customer support.

[Clevest Solutions](#)

Clevest is the leader in Smart Grid Deployment and Operational Support System (OSS) software and is the fastest growing provider of mobile workforce management solutions in the utilities industry. Clevest's application suite provides modular tools that include Dispatch, Scheduling, AVL, In-vehicle Navigation, Mobile, and a patent pending Configuration tool. The company's award winning applications integrate the latest innovations in software, wireless technologies, and mobile devices to get jobs done, faster,

smoother, safer, and increase efficiency and reliability.

[MultiSpeak](#)

The MultiSpeak Specification is an industry-wide software standard that facilitates interoperability of diverse business and automation applications used in electric utilities. It has been developed and maintained by a collaboration of NRECA and the 50 software vendors and consultants that are members of the MultiSpeak Initiative.

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