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## **NRTC Supports Electric Cooperative Members by Adding Clevest Solutions**

*Fast, efficient solutions for mobile field management and smart grid deployment*

**November 9, 2009 [Herndon, VA]**— The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) today announced that it has signed an agreement with Clevest Solutions Inc., a mobile workforce solutions provider, to offer the company's products and services to its rural utility members. Through this agreement, NRTC members will have access to Clevest's Mobile Field Force (MFF) solutions and Smart Grid Deployment and Operations Support System (OSS) software.

"NRTC's electric cooperative members are seeking ways to improve operational efficiency," said NRTC Vice President of Utility Solutions Edward J. Drew. "Their consumer members are demanding that they do their part in saving resources—while improving customer service. NRTC selected Clevest's Mobile Field Force and Smart Grid Solutions because they help improve the efficiency of utility operations, integrate well with a wide range of existing technologies and are already in use at a number of electric cooperatives across the country. These solutions are proven by NRTC members and are deployed at over 18 electric cooperatives. No matter what you have deployed, you can integrate it with a Clevest solution to improve operating efficiency," he continued.

The Mobile Field Force Optimization Solution enables field forces to interact electronically with dispatchers and in-office systems on a real-time basis, eliminates redundant data entry, streamlines work processes and improves the efficient use of resources. The application is easily configured to improve productivity for utilities and field service organizations through modules that include Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL), scheduling and dispatch as well as reporting functions. Real-time linking enhances operational decision making and efficiency and reduces the time required for key functions, such as scheduling work and dispatching crews. The MFF solutions integrate well with existing IT systems. NRTC members can purchase the modules separately or combined, based on needs and budget.

Clevest's Smart Grid Deployment and OSS software improves the efficiency, speed and safety of advanced metering infrastructure deployments, maintenance and support. As the nation's electric cooperatives rise to the challenge of improving an aging grid, more and more will deploy AMI systems. The deployment software reduces customer dispute billing caused by meter changeout, supports regulatory compliance, and helps to ensure the safety of staff when working with live meters. The Smart Grid OSS software further helps to support the smart grid with diagnostic and maintenance solutions.

“The Clevest product line complements NRTC’s mission to strengthen business operations and the Cooperative’s long-time focus on helping its member cooperatives operate more efficiently,” said Ed Drew.

**About Clevest**

Clevest is the leader in Smart Grid Deployment and Operations 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. For more information on Clevest Solutions, visit [www.clevest.com](http://www.clevest.com).

**About NRTC**

The National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) represents the advanced telecommunications and information technology interests of more than 1,400 rural utilities and affiliates in 48 states. Founded in 1986, NRTC provides products and services developed specifically to meet the needs of rural utilities and their customers, such as high-speed Internet access via satellite, full service Internet access and support, advanced metering infrastructure, SmartSCADA, wireless technologies, power quality products, long distance programs, mobile phone service, IP backbone services, direct broadcast satellite service (DBS) with DIRECTV and programming for Internet protocol television (IPTV). For more information, visit [www.nrtc.coop](http://www.nrtc.coop).

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