



OpvanteK, Inc. Announces its First Annual Optimain® DS User Conference

NEWTOWN, PA - February 24, 2009 - OpvanteK, Inc. is pleased to announce the first annual Optimain DS User Conference, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 20-21, 2009 at The Westin Convention Center. This conference is scheduled immediately following the American Gas Association Operations Conference, which is also being held in Pittsburgh.

The agenda of our first conference is centered on one of the most important pieces of legislation to affect the gas distribution industry in 30 years: "Distribution Integrity Management". This will be an ideal opportunity for the Optimain DS user community to explore how Optimain DS can help distribution operators comply with the new DIMP regulations, which are expected to be enacted sometime this spring or early summer.

Optimain DS was first developed in the early 1990's to support gas distribution companies in analyzing the condition of their infrastructure, and help them make effective resource allocation decisions. However, when congress asked the Department of Transportation to develop new rules for distribution integrity management, OpvanteK began investing in the product (with customer input) to ensure it would be positioned to support compliance with the new Risk-based regulations. In the past 4 years, Optimain DS has been enhanced to:

- Seamlessly integrate with any available electronic data source to provide a single view of all available infrastructure knowledge
- Actively monitor any type of threat to any type of facility in the network, including protected steel, plastic mains, and service pipes
- Objectively assess the risk associated with all known threats
- Allow users to study the risk reduction and cost of alternative risk mitigation plans
- Provide advanced data analysis and reporting capabilities to support performance measurement and regulatory reporting requirements

Optimain DS is an extremely open, configurable, and scalable system, based on over 15 years of experience working with our customers. It is an ideal platform to support the needs of a dynamic, continuously improving distribution integrity management program. It is also available with an enterprise licensing model that makes it accessible to both small and large operators.

"What is interesting, is how our customers have unique business processes and internal data repositories, and therefore make use of features of Optimain DS in different ways." said Andy Benedict, President of OpvanteK, Inc. "As we look across our entire user community, one way or another, Optimain DS is already covering virtually all of the anticipated distribution integrity requirements. Our user conference will provide an excellent opportunity for our customers to share how they are using Optimain DS today, and how they think it can be improved further to help them comply with the new regulations, or support other important business processes."

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More About Optimain DS

Optimain DS can be installed as a standalone application or as a part of the Optimain product suite, which includes Optimain ACM (Asset & Compliance Management) and Optimain JPM (Jurisdictional Paving Manager). All of these products can be integrated seamlessly with key enterprise applications like work management, job design, and geographical information systems. Optimain DS is supported on client platforms running Microsoft Windows 2000 or greater. Optimain DS relational data may be maintained in either a Microsoft SQL Server or Oracle repository. The Optimain GIS interface currently supports GE Energy's Smallworld Core Spatial Technology™ and ESRI's ArcGIS. Other enterprise GIS platforms will be supported upon request.

About OpvanteK, Inc.

OpvanteK, Inc. -- a leader in utility software solutions -- has long maintained that the key to operating a successful utility company in the face of an ever-evolving regulatory environment is in system-wide risk assessment & optimized asset management. OpvanteK delivers best-in-class software solutions that significantly enhance distribution integrity, reliability, safety, and regulatory compliance management.

The company was originally founded in 1997 as Vantage Management Solutions, Inc. by Principals, Andrew Benedict and Eric Kobosh. Since then, OpvanteK, Inc. has evolved into a talented team of utility industry and software development professionals, providing exceptional asset management software products, implementation and integration services, and focused business process consulting to the utility industry.

More information about OpvanteK, Inc. is available at <http://www.opvanteK.com>.