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Press Release

Three Utilities Receive GITA's Excellence Award

Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) - AURORA, COLO.—The Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) announced today that the City of Hamilton, Ontario; DTE EnergyGas/MichCon, Detroit, Mich.; and We Energies, Milwaukee, Wis.; have been named recipients of GITA's Excellence Award. The award recognizes the dedication, insight, and high degree of initiative in the outstanding application of geospatial technology. The award was presented during the Opening Session of GITA's Annual Conference 27, being held April 25-28, in Seattle, Wash.

The City of Hamilton has developed Map.Hamilton, a geographic information system (GIS) Web portal, providing an important foundation for spatially enabled e-government applications. Created by the GIS Services Section, the portal has benefited the citizens and businesses of Hamilton in a variety of ways.

The year 2004 saw the completion of a major GIS development project for DTE EnergyGas/MichCon. After a successful pilot project in 1989, the utility began developing its GIS and transitioning asset and facilities management from a manual solution to an enterprisewide system. The GIS team finished the conversion of facility records, some dating to 1853, this year.

The GIS first implemented in 1985 at We Energies has evolved into a true enterprisewide system. Many of the utility's mission-critical applications, such as work management, distribution automation, engineering design, and field data access are currently employing the GIS, which allows We Energy's crews to work in a more efficient and safer manner.

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The mission of the Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) is to provide excellence in education and information exchange on the use and benefits of geospatial information and technology in business, utility, and government applications worldwide.

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