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New Dimension Solutions Implements SAP EAM for North American Utility

New York, NY – New Dimension Solutions (NDS) “Business Performance - *Delivered*” recently completed an SAP Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) project for the Generation business unit of a large regional utility. The Utility’s Generation Company went live on SAP’s Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) solution over the first weekend of July, 2006. The Go-Live transition was seamless and operations and maintenance have been running smoothly on the new system. All Generation plants are on-line and successfully using the SAP system.

The project was delivered by a joint utility and New Dimension Solutions (NDS) team. The project has been a notable success accomplished in an aggressive time line of just over **six months**. The system went into production on time, under budget and with slightly increased scope. The project used SAP’s ASAP methodology with value-added templates, accelerators and content provided by the NDS team.

The SAP EAM project scope for the Generation Company included SAP Plant Maintenance, Project Systems, Materials Management for EAM and integration into the utility’s SAP Financials and PeopleSoft HR system. This project included the first implementation of SAP’s Enterprise Portal Business Package for Assets (5.0.3) in North America, along with SAP BW, P-Card for procurement, interfaces to OSI-PI for Performance-based maintenance plans, Document Management (DMS) “light” and comprehensive integration to logistics, back-end and Human Capital (HCM) systems as is required for an effective EAM solution. Primavera P3e has been packaged as the solution for major outage planning.

The combined utility-NDS implementation team put together innovative solutions to satisfy the Generation Company’s business requirements in the areas of jumper records, permitry, workflow, and a rolling 5 week Work Scheduling window using customized area menus.

The solution was rolled out simultaneously in 12 power plants and 5 major planning plants, spread across the entire region. The data conversion effort was very significant and it is a testament to the competence and team work of the project team that this was accomplished in such a tight time-line. The implementation team also handled the considerable change management and end-user training requirements.

As a project governance principle, the utility invited SAP to perform both the Blueprint and Realization / Final Preparation Quality Assurance Audits, and SAP assessed this project at a very high level.

The utility’s Generation Company went through an extensive selection process before selecting SAP’s EAM solution. After an initial evaluation, SAP and another leading provider of EAM software performed scripted demos for the Generation team to evaluate. In a hard-fought contest, SAP won the selection vote and utility management gave the project a green light to start in December of 2005.

NDS have worked closely with SAP at this utility since 1998. Based on NDS’s specialization in SAP-Centric EAM and the successful results of previous projects delivered by NDS for this utility, an NDS team was selected to provide the System Integrator role on the Generation EAM project under the umbrella of the existing SAP-NDS support agreement.

This project extends SAP's footprint at this large regional utility. The utility utilizes SAP financials and logistics solutions along side a PeopleSoft HR system. The utility also utilizes SAP's Customer Information System (IS-U CCS). In terms of Work and Asset Management (EAM) this utility has now implemented SAP's EAM solution into their Nuclear, Generation and Transmission business units – NDS has performed the SI role on all of these projects.

About New Dimension Solutions, Inc. “Business Performance – *Delivered*”

New Dimension Solutions (NDS), www.nd-solutions.com is a leading North American, Technology Services and Consulting Company with deep utility domain expertise and the ability to leverage and deliver industry best practices. Our collaborative approach delivers enterprise-wide value and a proven track record of real savings and proven performance. Our success with complex implementations is driven by our deep understanding of the challenges that technology and change management can create within an organization.

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