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NorthWrite's Energy Expert™ Software Receives 2008 FLC Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer.

Minneapolis, MN – February 12, 2008 – NorthWrite Inc. and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) have received the Federal Laboratory Consortium 2008 Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. This coveted award recognizes outstanding achievement in transferring federally developed technology to the marketplace. A panel of experts from industry, state and local government, academia, and the Federal laboratories judge the nominations.

The award recognizes the current and future potential of NorthWrite's Energy Expert™ technology—based on research funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and developed by PNNL to model real-time energy use in buildings. The direct benefits of Energy Expert are the ability to automatically monitor the energy consumption of a facility and its major energy end-uses; to automatically identify degradation in efficiency; and to initiate corrections quickly, at lower cost, and with less labor than would otherwise be possible. Recognizing when potential problems exist enables building operations staff to maintain efficient facilities and helps companies realize cost savings while simultaneously being responsible corporate citizens. Indirect benefits of this technology include contributing to more efficient use of our energy resources; reducing demand on the highly-stressed electric power grid; lowering emissions of air pollutants; and a positive contribution to global climate change.

Many companies are currently using Energy Expert to track the implementation of broader energy savings programs. In these cases, it is used to ensure that the companies are realizing savings, provide accurate estimates of those savings, and ensure their persistence. In other cases, customers use Energy Expert to monitor their ongoing building operations and “flag” unusual changes in energy use. This enables building operators to quickly respond to these changes to minimize their long-term impacts. Electric utilities are implementing the Energy Expert for overall tracking of commissioning and continuous improvement programs. According to NorthWrite, a building owner who uses the Energy Expert and is committed to implementing appropriate low-cost/no-cost operational changes to their building can expect to reduce electric consumption by as much as 10-20%.

NorthWrite is a Minneapolis based software and technology company. WorkSite is NorthWrite's industry-leading web portal that allows secure and seamless communication and collaboration with any organization in the WorkSite network. The company has three business units focused on Facilities, Energy, and Security.

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