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ACRT, INC. AND AEROTEC, LLC. ANNOUNCE INTEGRATED SOLUTION TO ROW VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

ACRT is an international consulting service and training organization in the utility arboriculture and urban forestry industry. Aerotec provides rapid and effective airborne lidar surveys and digital imagery solutions for government and private industries including topographic and pathway mapping, utility route selection, volumetric determination, engineering data collection, infrastructure and asset inspection and documentation, and GIS population.

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ACRT and Aerotec today announced details surrounding their integrated solution for transmission right-of-way vegetation management for electric utilities. For the first time in the industry, a total transmission grid assessment is available from two of the most trusted names in vegetation management. The ACRT and Aerotec team is solving vegetation management problems by matching the right application with the right technologies. “This is the first agreement of its type in the industry and we believe that it offers large utilities with extensive transmission facilities a unique opportunity to take a total, detailed look at their system and help ensure that they are meeting FERC requirements,” said Kurt Nelson, National Sales Director at ACRT.

The ACRT/Aerotec Team

ACRT is an acknowledged expert in the subject of vegetation management. Aerotec’s expertise is in the application of airborne remote sensing technology to solve electric utility problems. Working as a team, ACRT and Aerotec can deliver a product or service from the ROW Manager’s perspective rather than just the technologist’s perspective. Working together, ACRT and Aerotec are able to define and clarify the utility’s needs and requirements, develop a customized program that meets the utility’s needs, and deliver the solution quickly and effectively. Jim Dow, President of Aerotec summarizes, “We’re in the business of providing solutions to customers – not just the technology. Our combined expertise gives us the ability to help a Vegetation Manager plan the work, work the plan, assess the impact of the work, and manage the results.” The ACRT/Aerotec team accepts the responsibility for integrating the right technologies into the right solutions that the electric utility customer can immediately exploit to reap the benefits.

About ACRT

ACRT has been in business for twenty years servicing the vegetation management industry. Their utility division specializes in system assessments, total system management, contract utility foresters, pre-inspection / work planning and post auditing. ACRT currently supports over 750,000 miles of electric company right-of-ways. ACRT’s 300+ employees cover vast portions

of the United States and are trained ISA Certified Arborists, ISA Certified Utility Specialists, and / or ACRT Certified Utility Foresters.

About Aerotec

Aerotec's LiDAR, digital imagery and modeling expertise can be used to provide a more timely and cost-effective completion of electric power transmission right-of-way projects such as route selection, engineering (e.g., line design, rating, upgrades, re-stringing), construction, operations, and maintenance. Customer benefits include all-digital data collection, shorter project timelines, engineering quality (e.g., higher accuracy and greater resolution), ease-of-use, 3D model consistency, and data compatibility with commonly used engineering/mapping/modeling software.