

**Asplundh Tree Expert Co. Announces Partnership to Market
New Utility Vegetation Management Solution System
*Developed by CN Utility Consulting, Enporion, Inc., and ViryaNet, Inc.***

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. today announced that it has signed a license and distribution agreement to bring eVMS – the electronic Vegetation Management Solution – to its customers in North America, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

eVMS's patent-pending software and business process provide the necessary tools and support for utilities to create, plan, execute, monitor, and report on every aspect of transmission and/or distribution vegetation management programs and activities. Such activities may include performing an inventory of vegetation, prioritizing pruning activities, and scheduling the people and equipment to perform the required tasks. eVMS not only offers significant process efficiencies for Asplundh and its customers, but it will also help utilities to comply with and report on new NERC mandatory transmission clearance requirements. Ultimately, this system will drive improvements in overall T&D system reliability.

eVMS was developed by three companies in the United States with a strong heritage of providing new technology and services to the energy and utility industry: CN Utility Consulting, Enporion, and ViryaNet. CNUC, with many years of experience in consulting on utility vegetation management issues, provides product definition leadership.

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Enporion is responsible for the development and operation of eVMS, which has incorporated key capabilities from ViryaNet's proven work management system, Service Hub.

A pre-production field trial of eVMS has been successfully completed with Asplundh and Southern California Edison. The project, conducted in the second half of 2005, clearly demonstrated the capabilities of eVMS to capture and update inventory information, dispatch work assignments to crews, capture completed work, and report results. The field trial confirmed that eVMS provided more timely information on completed work and streamlined vegetation management processes to make better use of resources.

As a result of the agreement announced today, Asplundh Tree Expert Co. will now market eVMS. Adopting eVMS's state-of-the-art system will help Asplundh's customers manage their vegetation programs more effectively.

"Asplundh has a long history of identifying new processes and tools that have driven productivity improvements in the utility vegetation management process," said Scott Asplundh, president of Asplundh Tree Expert Co. "eVMS is a technology tool that will streamline many aspects of that process for our customers, thereby improving reliability and helping with regulatory reporting."

"Almost two years ago, we began the eVMS development work with our partners CNUC and ViryaNet," said George Gordon, chairman and CEO of Enporion. "This combination has allowed us to deliver a very powerful set of capabilities at a time when the industry is confronted with major new reporting requirements in vegetation management. Now, with the leadership of Asplundh, we will be able to quickly deliver these tools to many customers throughout the company's operating regions. We are excited about our ongoing role in the development and operation of eVMS."

Additional information on eVMS may be found at www.evmsolution.com or by contacting 1-800-248-8733 ext. 1348 or evms@asplundh.com.

About Asplundh Tree Expert Co.

Since 1928 the Asplundh Tree Expert Co. has been dedicated to efficient, safe, and cost-effective vegetation management services for the utility industry. A family-owned and managed corporation headquartered near Philadelphia, PA, Asplundh has grown to employ approximately 28,000 service professionals throughout the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Australia. As a full-service vegetation management contractor, Asplundh performs routine and emergency tree pruning and removals, right-of-way clearing and maintenance with specialized equipment, and vegetation management with herbicides.

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