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Guelph Hydro receives Innovation in Technology award from ESRI Canada

Toronto, ON – ESRI Canada is pleased to announce that Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. (GHESI) received the Innovation in Technology award on Wednesday, April 1st. This award was presented to GHESI in recognition of their innovative ArcGIS Server-based Web application built using ESRI's ArcGIS API for Flex.

“Guelph Hydro has demonstrated exceptional innovation in their approach to streamlining internal and external operations using the latest in ArcGIS Server technology,” said Alex Miller, President, ESRI Canada. “They were also instrumental in transitioning fifteen of Ontario’s 93 electrical utilities to the ESRI platform.”

Guelph Hydro is the first electric utility in Ontario to develop an internal Web-enabled application using the ArcGIS Server API for Flex. The application is being used for the delivery of several internal applications that link to their Customer Information System (CIS). Applications include an Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) application that allows them locate and route service vehicles; Circuit Trace – a tool that helps determine the number of customers impacted by an outage; and Site Inspections – an ArcPAD field inspection application that enables a real-time awareness of current field conditions. In just a short time, the application has enabled a number of productivity gains and is helping to better facilitate yearly reporting requests to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB).



Dan Amyot, Manager of IS at Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.
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Guelph Hydro GIS team accepting award.



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