

Solomon Associates Introduces GADS NxL Software

GADS Next Generation Software Migrates to Next Level Platform

DALLAS – February 3, 2005 – Solomon Associates, LLC the energy industry's premiere, data-driven performance improvement consulting firm, today announced it has expanded its Power Practice to include the industry's leading-edge Generating Availability Data System (GADS) software platform, dubbed "GADS NxL™," to its suite of performance optimization services. Known for its in-depth industry benchmarking, analysis and performance improvement consulting, this step marks Solomon's entry into GADS software development.

GADS NxL offers the industry's most accurate, reliable, and powerful level of performance for data entry, reporting and analysis for power generating companies. Additionally, GADS NxL is the only GADS software that is available for nearly every platform, with Microsoft® Windows-based and/or Web-based interface.

GADS NxL conforms to ANSI/IEEE Standard 762, North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), the PJM Interconnection, ISO New England (ISO-NE) and other industry entities that collect GADS data.

Electric generating companies utilize GADS data to analyze generating unit performance, reliability, availability and maintainability. Originally developed by NERC as a defined set of performance and event standards, GADS has been accepted across the globe as the most rigorous of standards.

"As we continue to expand our consulting services to meet the unique needs of the industries we serve, the introduction of GADS NxL is a logical step in helping our clients measure, manage and maximize their potential," said Greg Barats, president of Solomon Associates. "We view GADS NxL as a fundamental first step in obtaining accurate results for generating companies to help optimize their business and bottom line."

Detailed product information and platform requirements may be found at www.gadsnxl.com or by calling 972-739-1800.

About Solomon Associates

Celebrating its 25th year of benchmarking and consultative services, Dallas, Texas-based Solomon Associates, LLC has set the standard for world-class data-driven performance improvement services to capital-intensive industries worldwide. Solomon Associates is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hartford Steam Boiler (HSB). As a trusted industry advisor to the power, refining, pipeline, and petrochemical industries, Solomon's consultants lead the industry with their in-depth expertise, global perspective, objectivity and confidentiality. With offices worldwide, Solomon Associates

is well positioned to monitor the industries in which it advises. For more information, please visit www.solomononline.com.

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