

Business Briefs

NOTEWORTHY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items listed here include new contracts, facilities, expansions, treatment techniques, and other announcements of interest to water operators. Send press releases about business-related activities to opflow@awwa.org.

American Water (www.amwater.com) is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its Innovation & Environmental Stewardship department, which is dedicated to innovating water treatment and delivery. During the department's 30 years, its research team has been awarded three US patents and more than 65 competitive research grants totaling \$28 million.

Badger Meter (www.badgermeter.com) will acquire Racine Federated and its Thetford, England, subsidiary. Racine Federated manufactures and markets flowmeters for the water industry, as well as industrial metering and specialty products.

Hoefer (www.hoeferinc.com) moved its procurement, engineering, manufacturing, and US shipping operations to a new facility in Richmond, Calif. The customer service, sales, and North American technical support team locations are unchanged.

Imagine H2O (www.imagineh2o.org), a nonprofit organization that helps entrepreneurs turn water challenges into business opportunities, announced finalists in the 2011 Prize for Water Startups. Finalists will receive technical and financial mentorship via Imagine H2O's Accelerator Program before making final presentations to judges; winners will be announced in March 2012.

Industrial Scientific Canada (www.indsci.com) moved its Canadian warranty repair and iNet fulfillment center to a new, larger facility in Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada. The new facility provides more space for technicians, training, and inventory.

Innovyze (www.innovyze.com) announced JEA Electric, Water, Sewer, the utility serving Jacksonville Fla., will use InfoWorks WS to model and help manage its reclaimed water system. The utility's goal is to maximize its existing infrastructure and deliver more reclaimed water.

Itron (www.itron.com) announced it was ranked first in several market-position estimates in a water meter market analysis report published by IMS Research. *The World Market for Water Meters—2011 Edition* estimates Itron to have the top unit-share positions in total world water meter shipments,

water communications modules, and domestic water meters.

Panton McLeod (www.pantonmcleod.com) announced Maher Services is the first regional US distribution partner for DWI and NSF-certified Pantonite cleaning products, which are designed to remove iron and manganese biofouling from water storage structures, including towers, tanks, and wells. Maher Services will have exclusive distribution and usage rights for Pantonite in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, the New York region, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

QED Environmental System (www.qedenv.com) announced its E-Z Tray Air Strippers were certified by NSF International to NSF/ANSI Standard 61: *Drinking Water System Components—Health Effects*. The air strippers are designed for removal efficiencies of more than 99 percent for many volatile organic compounds found in drinking water.

Specified Fittings (www.specfit.com) obtained FM approval for its HDPE products. The certification provides product performance, longevity, and quality assurances.

Trojan Technologies (www.trojanuv.com) will acquire Salsnes Filter, which manufactures patented filter technology to remove particles from municipal and industrial process water.

US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) (www.epa.gov), as part of its Urban Waters program, will provide \$1.8 million for projects across the country to help restore urban waters by improving water quality and supporting community revitalization. In addition, USEPA released its annual national analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory, which provides information on toxic chemical disposals and other releases into the air, land, and water, as well as information about waste management and pollution-prevention activities.