Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Selects Echologics for Pipe Condition Assessment

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ATLANTA, June 11, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has adopted Echologics' acoustic pipe condition assessment service to assess the condition of selected water distribution mains.

A division of Mueller Co., Echologics is a leading developer and provider of acoustic-based technologies for water loss management, pipe condition assessment and leak detection. The contract with WSSC, which is valued at $850,000, is Echologics' second-largest contract.

WSSC is among the largest water and wastewater utilities in the United States, serving 1.8 million residents in a service area that spans nearly 1,000 square miles.

Echologics is assessing the condition of 35 miles of cast iron distribution mains—ranging from 6 to 14 inches in diameter—that are currently scheduled to be replaced by WSSC starting July 2014. WSSC will use the data provided by Echologics to cost-effectively identify sections of pipe that are in the poorest condition and prioritize their replacement.

WSSC selected Echologics as a result of a pilot survey conducted in March 2012, in which Echologics assessed more than 17,500 feet of distribution mains that were already scheduled for replacement. Echologics found that approximately 70 percent of the pipes did not need to be replaced, as they still had effective levels of remaining wall thickness or were at or near their original condition. WSSC validated Echologics' findings through extensive third-party testing of excavated samples of the surveyed pipe.

"Efficiently prioritizing capital expenditures and reducing water loss are important goals for many utilities," said Marc Bracken, vice president and general manager for Echologics. "By partnering with Echologics, WSSC can more efficiently achieve these goals and better understand the remaining service life of its water infrastructure assets—without costly excavations or service disruptions."

Echologics pioneered the development of a proprietary, acoustic-based system that non-invasively assesses the condition of water mains by measuring their remaining wall thickness, with an accuracy that exceeds normal standards.

Water service providers across North America and in Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia have leveraged Echologics' technology to prioritize pipeline rehabilitation and

replacement plans, and reduce water loss on all classes of pipe.

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About Echologics

Echologics is a manufacturing, service and marketing company dedicated to helping water utilities reduce water loss with subsequent benefits in monetary, environmental and health costs to the communities. Echologics is a leader in the development of water infrastructure diagnostic technologies for water loss management, leak detection and pipe condition assessment. Echologics, LLC is an affiliate of Echologics Engineering which was founded in 2003 and is based in Toronto. For more information about Echologics, visit www.echologics.com.

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