

# Metro Water Services Selects Mueller Service Co. for Water Valve Assessment Project

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PLANT CITY, Fla., Aug. 7, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Metro Water Services (MWS) has selected Mueller Service Co. to help improve its ability to manage and maintain its water system by locating and assessing the condition of water valves throughout its service area. A division of Mueller Co., Mueller Service Co. is a leading provider of discrete and contract assessment and remediation services to public and private water utilities in the United States.

According to Hal Balthrop, P.E., Assistant Director of System Services for Metro Water Services, routine and emergency valve maintenance and repair have been considerably difficult, and in some cases impossible, because locations of many of the valves in Metro Water Services' water system were never recorded when they were installed between 1950 and 1970.

"This project will provide the critical data that will help us to conduct ongoing valve maintenance, gain more confidence in our distribution system and more efficiently utilize our limited in-house resources for other system demands," said Balthrop.

Located in Nashville, Tennessee, MWS supplies drinking water services throughout Nashville, Davidson County and the surrounding area to more than 177,000 customers.

Under the terms of the agreement, Mueller Service Co. will locate and assess the operational condition and accessibility of water valves (2" to 60" in diameter) in MWS' service area. Information collected by Mueller Service Co. during the project will be used by MWS to improve the accuracy of its geographic information system (GIS) database and update its computerized maintenance and management system.

"Utilities' ability to control the flow of water through their distribution systems largely depends on the operational condition of their valves," said Andrew Apgar, National Sales Manager for Mueller Service Co. "By locating and assessing the condition of its valves, Metro Water Services will be able to more efficiently conduct routine water system maintenance, prioritize repairs and replacement, and isolate areas of its distribution system in the event of an emergency."

Mueller Service Co. and Mueller Co. are subsidiaries of Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA), a leading North American manufacturer and marketer of products and

services that are used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water.

## **Forward-Looking Information**

This press release contains certain statements that may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements that address activities, events or developments that we intend, expect, plan, project, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on certain assumptions and assessments made by us in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments. Actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including regional, national or global political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory conditions and the other factors that are described in the section entitled "RISK FACTORS" in Item 1A of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Undue reliance should not be placed on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements except as required by law.

## **About Mueller Service Co.**

Mueller Service Co. delivers a broad range of asset inventory and condition assessment services that help our utility clients optimize system performance and reliability, enhance water quality and minimize delivery costs. Mueller Service Co. combines field assessment with GIS development services to enable utilities to make informed financial decisions, transforming infrastructure data into actionable business intelligence and laying the foundation for long-term sustainability. For more information about Mueller Service Co., visit [www.muellerservice.co](http://www.muellerservice.co).

## **About Mueller Water Products, Inc.**

Mueller Water Products, Inc. (NYSE:MWA) is a leading manufacturer and marketer of products and services used in the transmission, distribution and measurement of water. Our broad portfolio includes engineered valves, fire hydrants, metering products and systems, leak detection and pipe condition assessment. We help municipalities increase operational efficiencies, improve customer service and prioritize capital spending, demonstrating why Mueller Water Products is Where Intelligence Meets Infrastructure™. The piping component systems produced by Anvil help build connections that last in commercial, industrial and oil & gas applications. Visit us at [www.muellerwaterproducts.com](http://www.muellerwaterproducts.com).

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