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## **H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation: Utility Partners receives an accreditation from the American Public Works Association**

**Quebec City, December 6, 2016** – (TSXV: HEO) – H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation Inc. (“H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation” or the “Corporation”) is proud to announce that Utility Partners (“UP”), its Operation and Maintenance subsidiary, has recently received an accreditation from the American Public Works Association (“APWA”), along with the City of Gulfport, Mississippi Public Works and Engineering Departments. This is the first time an APWA accreditation has been granted to a city and a company.

“The purpose of this accreditation program is to provide a means of formally verifying and recognizing public works agencies for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the *Public Works Management Practices Manual*”, **according to the American Public Works Association**. Some performance criteria are assessed, such as the quality of work and performance, response time and customer satisfaction. There are only 118 accredited agencies in the United States and Canada, and Utility Partners is now among the leaders in the industry with this distinction.



From left to right: Kris Riemann, Director of Engineering for the City of Gulfport, Wayne Miller, Director of Public Works for the City of Gulfport and Brian Nelson, Project Manager of Utility Partners.

Since 2011, UP has provided water chlorination and distribution to the City of Gulfport, as well as water and sewer line repairs, new construction of water and sewer lines, street repair and maintenance, street sweeping, ditch cleaning, grass cutting and tree trimming, sidewalk cleaning and construction of streets and drainage facilities. “It shows the kind of work and collaboration that UP is building through its years of service in the industry. It is a testimonial to our long term commitment and customer care. With the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation, we are adding in-depth water and wastewater related technical expertise while keeping a close and local relationship with our 36 municipal customers in the USA”, **stated Bob Monette, P.Eng., Founder of Utility Partners and Chairman of the Operation & Maintenance Committee of H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation’s Board of Directors.**



The Gulfport Utility Partners team has been assisting the City of Gulfport in developing practices and policies that would enable their client to become an APWA nationally accredited public works department. Many of these practices were developed based upon Utility Partners' policies and internal controls. "The accreditation team was so impressed by our practices and how we, as a company, conduct business that they bestowed full accreditation to Utility Partners. We are very proud of our team because they work continuously to improve customer satisfaction and to maintain a good relationship with our clients", **added Brian Nelson, Project Manager of Utility Partners.**

**About H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation**

H<sub>2</sub>O Innovation designs and provides state-of-the-art, custom-built and integrated water treatment solutions based on membrane filtration technology for municipal, industrial, energy and natural resources end-users. The Corporation's activities rely on three pillars which are i) water and wastewater projects; ii) specialty products and services, including a complete line of specialty chemicals, consumables, specialized products for the water treatment industry as well as control and monitoring systems; and iii) operation and maintenance services for water and wastewater treatment systems. For more information, visit [www.h2oinnovation.com](http://www.h2oinnovation.com).

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