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DiGioia, Gray & Associates, LLC and The Louis Berger Group, Inc. Create Strategic Alliance for Transmission Lines

DiGioia, Gray & Associates, LLC (DiGioia Gray) and The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (LBG), both nationally recognized consulting firms, have created a strategic alliance to provide a complete suite of value-added services to their clients in the electric transmission industry. DiGioia Gray President, Tony DiGioia, and LBG Vice President of Energy Services, Jack Halpern, will lead the organizations' implementation of the alliance.

DiGioia Gray is a dynamic engineering firm with internationally known experts leading the field in Transmission Line, Substation, and Geotechnical Engineering. DiGioia Gray is headquartered near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has offices in Roanoke, Virginia. Over the last six years, DiGioia Gray has served many electric utilities across the country, such as American Electric Power, Consolidated Edison, Duquesne Light, FirstEnergy/Allegheny Energy, Orange and Rockland, and PPL Electric Utilities. DiGioia Gray has conducted research for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) on optimizing the design of transmission line systems using life-cycle costing methods, and research for the analysis and design of transmission line foundations. DiGioia Gray is also the EPRI Licensee for FAD Tools, the Foundation Analysis and Design software program.

LBG, with more than 5,000 employees and 25 office locations across the country provides consulting services to transmission and energy clients both nationally and internationally. Recent project experience includes the newly energized TrAIL line for Allegheny Energy, the Potomac Appalachian Transmission Highline (PATH) joint venture between American Electric Power and Allegheny Energy, and Susquehanna-Roseland Project for PPL Electric Utilities and PSE&G. In addition, LBG was recently awarded a contract with Clean Line Energy Partners to provide route selection, public outreach, and permitting services for the proposed Grain Belt Express Clean Line, a high-voltage direct current transmission line that will connect renewable wind energy in western Kansas to communities in southeastern Missouri and points farther east. LBG presently has on-going transmission projects from Vermont to Idaho.

According to DiGioia Gray President Tony DiGioia, "Aligning with LBG allows us to provide our clients with the full array of synergistic services necessary to site, engineer, and permit the high-voltage transmission lines and substations needed in North America. Both companies, in their own rights, are proven leaders in the field. Combining our complementary backgrounds in route selection, environmental studies, permitting services, archaeological expertise, visual simulation, transmission line and structure design, foundation design and analysis, construction management, and substation and system design will provide our clients with a great value-added team." LBG's Jack Halpern agreed. "Together, our wealth of experience on all transmission issues will be essential to the much needed advancement of the industry."

The team has already been retained for joint projects and will focus the alliance on services to transmission companies, independent power producers, investor-owned utilities, rural cooperatives, public utilities, contractors, and government agencies.

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