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Itron Partners with 2iE Foundation to Launch Water Technology Training Program in Africa

Industry leader provides critical courses for utility professionals and engineering students in Burkina Faso

LIBERTY LAKE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Itron, Inc. (NASDAQ: ITRI) announced today that it is collaborating with the 2iE Foundation to offer a program that will help students and utility professionals learn water metering fundamentals in order to better manage the precious water supply in Africa. Trainees will benefit from knowledge sharing and the expertise of a world leading water resource management solution provider—Itron.

"Itron is passionate about being good stewards of water, life's most vital resource. Our work with 2iE will give people in the industry in Africa the proficiency they need to better manage and conserve their water supply," said Marcel Regnier, president and COO, Itron Water.

Together, Itron and 2iE will present technical content in a classroom setting to an audience of people associated with the utility industry in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The intent is to instill valuable metering principles so that utilities in Africa will be better equipped to face the challenges of water supply scarcity, insufficient distribution infrastructure and an increasing population.

"Itron will support 2iE to develop capacities and competencies with professionals and students focusing on water resources in the public or private sector. I'm very pleased Itron is willing to share its expertise in water metering solutions through comprehensive trainings," said Monsieur Paul Giniès, managing director of 2iE Foundation.

About Itron

Itron is a leading provider of energy and water resource management solutions for nearly 8,000 utilities around the world. We offer end-to-end solutions that include electricity, gas, water and thermal energy measurement and control technology; communications systems; software; and professional services. With more than 9,000 employees doing business in more than 130 countries, Itron empowers utilities to responsibly and efficiently manage energy and water resources. To realize a sustainable future, start here: www.itron.com.

About 2iE

2iE, based in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Africa, is an international institute of higher education and research in the fields of water and sanitation, energy and electricity, civil and mining engineering, and the environment. Its degrees are accredited in Europe by the EUR-ACE label. 2iE is also a non-profit organization promoting public interests within Africa. To help middle class and disadvantaged populations access a world class education, 2iE has developed an innovative pricing policy as well as financing and payment arrangements. 2iE enables young African people to study and work in Africa: 95% of students are hired within 6 months after graduation and 98% stay in Africa to work. For the past year, 2iE hosted more than 2600 students and about 1000 trainees in short courses of continuing education.

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