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AUTOVATION 2011 COVERS THE UTILITY TECHNOLOGY LIFECYCLE
Sept. 25-28, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center near Washington, DC

DES PLAINES, Ill. –**Autovation**, the Utilimetrics Smart Utility Conference and Exposition, Sept. 25-28 in Washington, DC covers the utility technology lifecycle from building a business case to beyond the meter. Attendees are professionals from electric, gas and water utilities. Municipal, investor owned and electric cooperative utilities are represented. Highlights include:

Twelve Pre-Autovation Courses that dig deep into the critical issues faced by today's utilities. Courses range from creating an achievable smart grid plan to communications fundamentals and use for AMI and smart grid applications to the IT project hidden within smart grid initiatives to managing a successful water AMI project. Courses are for experienced professionals as well as those new to the industry.

Three workshops that provide attendees solutions they can immediately implement at their utilities.

Topics are smart grid business case development, RFP development, and smart grid architecture and IT integration.

Dozens of education sessions on today's pressing issues including AMI, change management, communication technology, consumer engagement, distribution automation, demand response, emerging technology, electric vehicles, gas, home area networks, meter data management and analytics, outage management, pre-pay, regulatory issues, security and standards.

Exhibit Hall filled with leading suppliers who will demonstrate their latest solutions and give attendees a glimpse at emerging technologies.

Special events including networking receptions, breakfast with experts, utility peer breakfast and a behind-the-scenes tour of the DC Water Bryant Station Facility.

For Autovation information, go to <http://www.utilimetrics.org/Autovation2011i.aspx>.

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