

3TIER Receives Grant to Enhance River Forecasting Technologies

SEATTLE, Wash. — October 5, 2006 — 3TIER announces a new research and development effort with the University of Washington to develop improved weather and riverflow forecasting strategies. The project, which is partially funded through the Washington Technology Center, will lead to better estimates of the amount of water stored in seasonal snowpacks in the Pacific Northwest. In turn, this information will lead to better long-range forecasts of river flows. “In many regions of the world, and specifically here in the western U.S. and Canada, snow is a large component of the water supply” said Dr Bart Nijssen, Director of Research, Development, and Deployment at 3TIER. “These technologies will aid in more accurate assessments of existing snowpacks. This information, when used within computer forecasting models, will improve hydrological predictions, especially for forecasts that extend months into the future”. Water, energy and financial professionals, ranging from water supply managers and hydropower generators to power marketers, routinely use long range streamflow forecasts for planning and operations. With increased competition for water, the need for better forecasts becomes more important and the forecasts themselves become more valuable. Dr. Andrew Wood, research faculty in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, will lead the research effort within the University of Washington.

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About 3TIER Environmental Group

3TIER Environmental Forecast Group, Inc. provides large-scale, scientifically-based renewable energy forecasting and assessment services for wind, hydro and solar energy projects worldwide. Founded in 1999, 3TIER Group exclusively employs scientific and engineering experts who develop and manage sophisticated environmental prediction systems using advanced computing technologies and proprietary methodologies such as 3TIER Group’s cutting-edge R³™ process. For more information, visit the 3TIER Group website at www.3tiergroup.com.

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