

Digi and GEO Sign Collaboration Deal

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Digi International and Green Energy Options (GEO) have signed a joint collaboration agreement to develop a real-time web-based energy management system for the European utility market.

The new energy consumption information and control solution is based on the iDigi platform and Digi X-Grid solution, a solution for extending the power grid beyond the meter.

GEO designs and manufactures energy monitoring systems for use in both the commercial and domestic environment, with more than 1,200,000 energy displays currently in the European market.

GEO has collaborated with Digi before, notably during the development of power's microgeneration solution - a key product in power's smart energy trials. In 2010, GEO utilized Digi's embedded modules again, this time as part of the pioneering Inov Grid project with EDP in Portugal.

The project is testing GEO's 500 in-home displays, which have been integrated with the Energy Box smart meter to provide real-time information and consumption awareness for the consumer.

Leveraging the success of past collaboration, GEO chose to partner with Digi International once again to work together in advancing the European smart metering market forward.

During the development process, GEO will have the full support and advantage of the Digi X-Grid solution - a development package that includes Digi's Smart Energy gateways, XBee ZigBee modules and adapters, and the iDigi Platform to provide secure, real-time access to devices within an extensive grid infrastructure.

Patrick Caiger-Smith, CEO of GEO said, "Digi's expertise in the field of ZigBee wireless communications and its investment into their market-leading web-based application framework, iDigi, make Digi our ideal partner in the energy management space."

Daniela Cognolato, smart grid business development manager at Digi, said, "We are excited to be working together with GEO who are already an established leader in the European energy management market. Digi's X-Grid platform will enable GEO to move from visual display devices to complete visualization and control systems - a revolution in their aim of making energy visible."

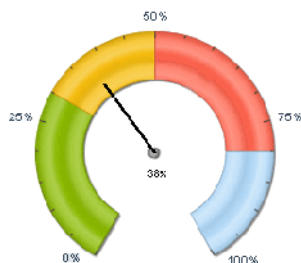
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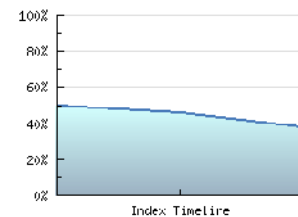
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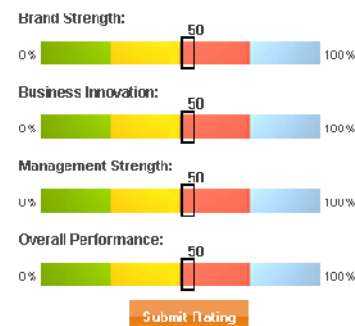
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