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NAVIGANT CONSULTING AND SOLUZ UNDERTAKE A MULTI-CLIENT INITIATIVE TO EXAMINE HOW INNOVATIVE BUSINESS MODELS AND DISTRIBUTED TECHNOLOGIES CAN FACILITATE ENERGY SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS

Burlington, Mass., June 28, 2005 – A team of energy experts led by Navigant Consulting, Inc. (NYSE: NCI) and Soluz, Inc. is undertaking a major multi-client study on the state of rural energy delivery and the role for distributed energy technologies in accelerating energy service to rural areas. The NCI/Soluz team, including renewable energy experts and leading developers of rural energy delivery operations and innovative business models, is launching the multi-client *Innovation in Rural Energy Delivery* study today.

“Innovative approaches have been employed over the past decade in developing rural energy solutions in various regions of the world,” stated Richard Hansen, Founder and President of Soluz. “The efforts of rural energy trailblazers have implications for scaling up private service to dispersed rural populations in the face of significant rural energy challenges. This study will provide decision-makers with clear, objective information about private-sector-led solutions that have emerged and the prospects for accelerating scale-up.”

“We are particularly interested in helping industry understand the interplay of distributed energy approaches and innovative business models and enterprises to create the needed energy solutions for rural parts of the world,” said Lisa Frantzis, Navigant Consulting’s Director for Renewable and Distributed Energy.

The NCI/Soluz team is undertaking this study in collaboration with the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the Solar Circle, the Flow Fund Circle, Co-op America, and the United Nations Foundation, among other supporting organizations.

This forward-looking study is providing an important and unique opportunity for a range of organizations to tap into the experience and learning of leading experts in rural energy delivery and renewable and distributed energy technologies and business models.

The study focuses on service to the estimated 1.6 billion people worldwide lacking access to electricity, 80 percent of whom are in rural areas, because of the difficulty in serving those areas economically using traditional electricity grids.

The NCI/Soluz team will complete the *Innovation in Rural Energy Delivery* study by early 2006. Study participants and sponsors will receive a confidential, detailed final report, tailored to their organizations’ individual needs.

Additional opportunities for participating in this major study are available. This initiative targets energy project developers, equipment manufacturers, government agencies, development organizations, and multilateral institutions. To receive a full description of the study and the prospectus, please contact: Lisa Frantzis (Navigant Consulting) at 781-564-9614 or John Rogers (Soluz) at 978-251-5290.

About Soluz, Inc.

Soluz, Inc. is a business and technology development company commercializing distributed micro-power for rural areas. The company' s core expertise is in the development and support of rural energy delivery companies—REDCOs—to meet the vast need for electric service in rural areas using a "wireless" approach to electrification. More information about Soluz, Inc. can be found at www.SoluzUSA.com.

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