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## University of Florida Awards Electric Metering Contract to Byram Laboratories

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The University of Florida, located in Gainesville, Florida, has selected Byram Laboratories to upgrade its existing electric metering system to an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system. The upgrade is scheduled to begin in September 2007 and will enable the university to collect detailed energy usage data over a true two-way wireless mesh network and analyze that data for more efficient usage. The contract, valued at over 1 million USD, was awarded to Byram Laboratories after the university evaluated multiple systems that were installed on a smaller scale as a pilot program.

Byram Laboratories Inc, an official meter data management agent (MDMA) for Elster Electricity, has selected Elster's EnergyAxis® System for the project. The EnergyAxis System is an advanced metering system capable of gathering data on-demand and executing commands in the field from a remote server. The university plans to utilize the system's load profiling capability to retrieve energy consumption data in 15-minute intervals, as well as its time-of-use feature for accessing energy usage data in predefined rate tiers. Select metering points will be hard-wired into the university's SCADA system for retrieving near real-time data.

According to John Lawson of the university's energy department, "The EnergyAxis System will give us the ability to track our building loads, schedule equipment efficiently, and allow us to see true savings with accurate benchmarking."

Byram Laboratories, located in Branchburg, NJ, has been in the metering business since 1910. Today, it is an electrical distributor and a data collection service provider for commercial, industrial, and multifamily residential buildings.

"We are committed to providing new technologies to our customers," said Byram Laboratories' president, Monte Prince. "The ability to gather detailed data more frequently will enable the University of Florida to make better decisions when it comes to energy usage. Automatic meter reading with two-way capabilities is definitely the future of the industry."

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