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BioFuels Simulator Sale Latest in String of Bio-Sourced Materials Manufacturing Projects for U.S. Engineering Firm

OWINGS MILLS, MD (July 11, 2010) - [NovaTech LLC](#) has announced the recent sale of their [Ethanol and Biofuels Plant Simulator](#) for classrooms to Northeast Community College. The system, developed with Minnesota West Community and Technical College, trains biofuels plant operators in process control systems identical to the ones they will operate in commercial ethanol facilities. The simulation systems will be adaptable to cellulosic production methods when they reach commercial maturity.

Another NovaTech project at the University of South Carolina is a wood/biomass gasification cogeneration plant, which will offset a large percentage of the natural gas required to heat and power the campus, and will also integrate with their classroom curriculum and give engineering students hands on experience in managing biomass CHP.

NovaTech is a process and electric utility automation and engineering firm with thirty years experience in a number of industries. Their products - the [Bitronics Measurement and Recording IEDs](#), [Orion Substation Automation Platform](#) and [D/3 Distributed Control System](#) - and engineering services are used in a significant portion of U.S. wind farms, the largest solar PV field in Hawaii, advanced hi-speed islanding applications in Denmark, approximately 1/3 of U.S. biofuels production (ethanol and some biodiesel) and the two largest bioplastics manufacturing facilities in the U.S.

NovaTech's focus on renewable energy and conversion technologies, decades of process scale-up experience, and the ability to adapt their highly configurable D/3 DCS control system to a process' particular needs rather than the other way around, makes them an ideal process automation and integration partner for conversion technologies emerging from pilot to commercial maturity.

For more information on NovaTech, visit their website at <http://www.novatechweb.com/>.

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With over 100,000 products and systems installed worldwide, NovaTech is a proven process automation, electric power measurement, and substation automation and integration solutions provider. NovaTech's utility products, including the industry-leading Orion Automation Platform family, provide utilities around the globe with innovative solutions to their SCADA, RTU, and automation needs. In addition, the Utility-Grade Bitronics Measurement Products support applications ranging from traditional SCADA monitoring to automation & control and distributed disturbance recording. NovaTech's D/3 process automation system is utilized by a number of Fortune 100 companies for control and monitoring of their process plants. For additional information on NovaTech, please visit www.novatechweb.com.

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