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## Hometown Connections Teams with Katama Technologies Inc. To Deliver Utility Technology Consulting Services to Public Power

LAKEWOOD, CO and CHARLOTTE, NC – February 23, 2016 – Hometown Connections, the utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association (APPA), and Katama Technologies, Inc. (KTI) announced a partnership to provide technology planning and implementation consulting services to public power utilities. The services will focus on utilities looking to deploy or upgrade Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), SCADA, and other electricity distribution automation systems.

Through Hometown Connections, APPA members gain access to discount pricing on systems and services from the industry's leading vendors, as well as consulting support in the areas of organization assessment, strategic planning, market research, and workforce solutions.

KTI services and expertise include technology financial planning, assessment, and deployment. Since 2003, KTI has provided detailed successful analytical services to more than 30 public power utilities across the U.S.

“Committed to serving as a management consulting resource to public power communities, Hometown Connections is very pleased to complement our strategic planning, research and organization assessment services with the technology planning expertise of Katama Technologies,” said Tim Blodgett, President and CEO. “As APPA members invest in advanced metering, SCADA, and other distribution system technologies, KTI professionals will provide expert guidance on project design, budgeting, and implementation strategies based on extensive, real-world experience with public power clients.”

“Our goal is to provide public power utilities with accurate, objective, and thorough assessments for critical business decisions,” said Patrick Corrigan, Principal, KTI. “We believe successful investments in automation technology depend on a series of careful and client-specific analyses. Our comprehensive and adaptable business models are designed as tools for changing circumstances and to monitor various phases of project deployment.”

### **About Hometown Connections International, LLC**

Hometown Connections is the utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association, offering public power utilities guidance and access to quality products/services from a trusted entity with public power's best interests in mind. Hometown Connections personnel provide consulting support in the areas of organization assessment, strategic planning, governance development, market research, and staffing. Hometown Connections is a resource to APPA members large and small, providing discounted pricing on technology, services, and other solutions from industry-leading companies. The products and services offered through Hometown Connections include the full range of advanced grid solutions, as well as financial and organizational management tools and consulting. For more information, visit

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### **About Katama Technologies, Inc.**

Katama Technologies provides consulting services to public and member-owned utilities to help with technology planning and implementation, including sensing, analytics, communication, control, renewables, and energy management. For more information, visit [www.katamatech.com](http://www.katamatech.com).

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