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IBM National Executives Will Make Closing Presentation

For three weeks, a team of senior IBM executives partnered with Tucson Water and City staff to undertake an ambitious project: merging two technology improvements to let customers better monitor water use and the utility manage water distribution facilities more efficiently.

IBM Team members have been busy touring Tucson Water facilities to better understand the operational needs of the utility. The team met with and interviewed various stakeholder groups which included elected officials, other utility representatives, University of Arizona officials, and Water Department employees. Tucson Water customers were also provided an opportunity to provide IBM team members with comments through two focus groups that were conducted.

Media representatives are invited to attend a closing presentation scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, at the City's Information Technology Building, 481 W. Paseo Redondo.

IBM will provide short- and long-term recommendations for the implementation of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR)/Automatic Meter Infrastructure (AMI) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems.

IBM's donation of its employees' time is provided through a 2013 IBM Smarter Cities Challenge grant to Tucson Water and the City of Tucson. The value of the Smarter Cities Challenge Grant is estimated at approximately \$400,000.

Additional information on the grant and the activities of the IBM Team's stay in Tucson is online at tucsonaz.gov/water/IBM_grant.

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