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VERTEX RECEIVES GOLD SHOVEL STANDARD CERTIFICATION

Sherwood Park, Alberta – March 2017 – We are proud to announce that Vertex has been approved and is now recognized as a Gold Shovel Standard Certified contractor. This program recognizes those companies with a Safety Management System set up to ensure safe excavation practices for the protection of buried assets and those working around them.

Gold Shovel Standard is a non-profit organization that fills an industry gap by providing third-party confirmation of baseline Safety Management Systems for the protection of buried assets, and fair and transparent metrics for damage prevention. Gold Shovel Standard certified organizations are recognized to be best-in-class.

Gold Shovel Standard provides two very basic services that fill a gap met nowhere else:

1. A third-party confirmation of an in-place Safety Management System (SMS) for the protection of buried assets
2. An ambitious effort driven by industry (including contractors and locators) to create fair and transparent metrics for damage prevention similar to other safety metrics (LTIR, EMR, TRIR, DART, etc.), a gap filled by no other program

Gold Shovel Standard has already become a permanent fixture in much of North America as industry has rapidly embraced this ambitious program. The rate of adoption has dramatically increased since its implementation, and numbers of new members and participants are expanding at a healthy rate. Notably, GSS has been embraced by some of the largest telecom companies, gas and electric utilities, pipeline operators and a variety of municipalities

About Vertex

Established in 1976, Vertex is a leading North American provider of environmental and industrial services. With over 40 years of expertise, Vertex helps clients achieve their development goals through our versatile suite of services. From the initial site selection, consultation and regulatory approval, through the construction, operation and maintenance phases, to conclusion and environmental cleanup, Vertex offers a diverse range of services throughout the life cycle of our clients' projects.

Vertex serves clients in the oil and gas, oilsands, petrochemical, renewable energy, utilities, agriculture, forestry, drilling, midstream, mining, aggregate and municipal sectors.

