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Columbia Weather Systems is “Connected with Kepware”

Portland, ME – Kepware Technologies, the leader in Communications for Automation, announced today that it was selected as the primary provider of device communications by Columbia Weather Systems.

Columbia Weather Systems is a leading manufacturer of Weather Stations for fixed mount, vehicle mount and portable applications. Their microprocessor based weather station interface (Weather MicroServer) offers data communications through both [Modbus](#) and [SNMP](#) protocols enabling integration with automation systems. Columbia Weather Systems has selected to support and resell Kepware’s KEPServerEX communications, providing the interface from their supported protocols to automation industry products through the standard interface of OPC (for **OPen Connectivity**). In addition, Columbia Weather Systems is leveraging the wide range of relationships Kepware enjoys in order to deliver a proven solution with all major HMI/SCADA automation solutions. The “Connected with Kepware” designation signifies an ongoing partnership with Columbia Weather Systems to ensure they are aware of upcoming technology and will stay current with Kepware developments in order to offer the best connectivity for their customers.

“Columbia Weather Systems is an excellent example highlighting the value of our new “Connected with Kepware” program,” says Roy Kok, VP of Sales and Marketing for Kepware. “They can focus their efforts on their core competency, excellent weather stations, and can rely on Kepware for proven automation system interfaces. Kepware will continue to work closely with Columbia Weather Systems, keeping them abreast of all technology developments and will work with them ensure our partners are aware of this vendor endorsed connectivity.”

“Our research showed that Kepware is the ideal partner for us, enabling us to guarantee proven and reliable connectivity to systems in the automation market,” explains Nader Khoury, President for Columbia Weather Systems Inc. “We know Kepware is accepted as the industry standard for communications among the automation software suppliers and the only work we needed to perform was the validation of their Modbus driver with our Weather MicroServer interface. Kepware has been a great company to work with and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship.”

About Kepware

Kepware is the world leader in communication software for automation and offers a unique experience in both OPC and embedded device communications. Since 1995, Kepware has focused on the development of [communication drivers](#) to automation controllers, I/O and field devices. Applications include M2M (Machine to Machine) and M2E (Machine to Enterprise) communications. Operating system support includes; Microsoft Windows Desktop, Windows Server and Windows Embedded (Windows CE and Windows Embedded NT/XP). Today, Kepware delivers connectivity to thousands of devices through over 130 communication protocols, and through the efforts of our direct sales, distribution and embedded partners,

Kepware is the leading provider of communications with annual shipments exceeding 100,000 units. Kepware's responsiveness to customer needs and strong partnerships with other leading automation suppliers ensures that your next application will be a success. Ask around and you'll hear why automation professionals everywhere consider Kepware Technologies "Automation's Best Friend". www.kepware.com

About Columbia Weather Systems

Columbia Weather Systems manufactures the Capricorn 2000 and Orion families of weather monitoring systems that include weather stations for permanent installations, vehicle-mount systems for mobile applications, and portable weather stations for rapid deployment applications. The Capricorn 2000 line offers modular flexibility with a variety of meteorological sensor options, while Orion weather stations feature a compact "all-in-one" sensor head with ultrasonic wind measurement.

A small, privately held company, CWS offers customers flexibility and quick response in product development and packaging, as well as personal customer service. www.columbiaweather.com

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