



News Release

LOCAL CREDIT UNION STARTS NEW PROGRAM TO CUT IRRIGATION WATER USAGE

San Antonio, Texas - June 1, 2006 - Acequia, a commercial irrigation water management company, is installing a new system at Security Service Federal Credit Union's (SSFCU) Corporate Headquarters in San Antonio that will help save nearly 50 percent of the irrigation water used to maintain the facility's landscaping. Through the use of Aquador™ Intelligence – Acequia's proprietary irrigation management software – and proven water conservation methods, SSFCU is expected to save more than 2 million gallons of water annually.

"This project has great potential for reducing operating expenses and conserving water – actions that will positively serve our members and the entire community as well," says John Worthington, Senior Vice President for SSFCU. "We are optimistic that our partnership with Acequia will provide great benefit to our organization and the environment, now and in the future."

Acequia's irrigation water conservation program utilizes a centralized irrigation management system and scientific evapo-transpiration methodology researched and developed by major agricultural universities. With the newly installed Acequia technology at SSFCU's corporate facility, along with the current irrigation infrastructure and dedicated wireless communication channels, Acequia will remotely manage the credit union's headquarters landscaping irrigation needs.

Commercial landscape irrigation is a significant source of wasted water. It consumes approximately 60 percent of the water used in urban environments, and the average system wastes half of the water used. Acequia systems use current irrigation technology, advanced wireless communication systems and proven water management principles for the sole purpose of saving water and money.

About SSFCU

Security Service Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in San Antonio and the 10th largest credit union in nation. Security Service, recognized as a leader in the credit union industry, has implemented the latest technology to improve operations and provide added convenience and expanded service to its members. With over \$3.9 billion in assets and more than 590,000 members, the credit union has 21 South Texas locations and eight Colorado facilities. Visit Security Service on the web at www.ssfcu.org.

About Acequia

As of March 2006, Acequia has been responsible for about 335 million gallons documented savings of commercial irrigation water in all areas it serves. This represents about \$1.1 million in total savings which Acequia typically shares with its client/partners.

Current Acequia client/partners include Simon Property Group, Archstone-Smith, Colonial Property Trust, Chelsea Property Group, American Airlines, L&B Realty Advisors, CWS Apartment Homes, Koontz-McCombs, USAA RealCo, Real Manage, Blue Star Investments and

Faust Group/Kennedy Wilson. Real estate sectors served include office, retail, apartments, hospitality facilities and Home Owners Associations.

For more information about Acequia's water conservation results and shared savings partnerships, contact Kenneth Cook, Founding Partner of Acequia at (512) 637-5123, 8701 Cross Park Drive, Suite 110, Austin, TX 78754. The company's website is www.acequia.com.