# Geospatial-Enabled Field Inspection Management

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## Agenda

- Mobile Utility Business Drivers and Challenges
- •Lincoln Electric System Customer Perspective
- Lincoln Electric System Case Study

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## Mobile Utility Market

- IDC Mobile and The Third Platform
  - \$430 M − 2014 mobile utilities spend globally
  - 5.2% growth 2009 2014
  - Tablet growth 10.3% 2014 2017
- •42% Utility IT Budget Spent on Mobile
  - 26% for mobile devices
  - 16% for applications and services
- Utilities still lagging other industries in adoption of mobile strategies





#### Mobile Business Drivers



- Utilities Require Field Data
   Collection Tools
  - Timely delivery necessary
  - Quality of data is important
  - Aging assets & infrastructure
- Field services are challenged to be more efficient
  - Legacy processes hurt productivity
  - Work varies based on changing demands
  - Increasingly mobile and aging workforce





## Customer Perspective - Lincoln Electric System (LES)

- Electric utility
- •550 square kilometers within Nebraska, USA
- Serving 114,000 customers
- HV, MV, & LV networks
- Using ArcGIS, ArcGIS Server, ArcFM, Fiber Manager, Responder OMS

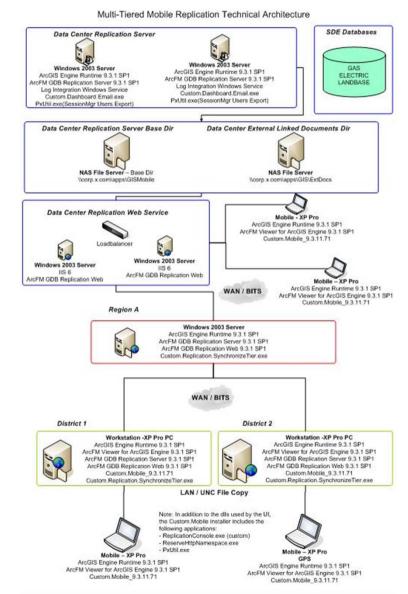






#### **Legacy Mobile Solution**

- Custom ArcGIS Engine application
  - Slow data movement
  - High support factor
- Goals for New Solution
  - Capture and manage data for various types of inspections
  - Improved infrastructure knowledge
  - More efficient operations
  - Seamless integration of field data with the enterprise GIS's asset record



### Simple - Spatial - Secure

#### •Simple...

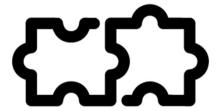
- to implement for common use cases
- to configure and extend
- to integrate with existing systems
- to maintain

#### Spatial...

- Must leverage LES' existing ArcGIS and ArcFM investment
- Out of the box integrations

#### •Secure...

- GIS data must remain on-premise
- LES' Active Directory determines security policy









## Field Inspection Projects

#### Jumpstart Program

- Walk first, then run
- Access to Orbit with rapid deployment
- Configure one mobile data collection use case
- Mobile client deployment and training
- Reporting and visualization configuration

#### First Targeted Projects

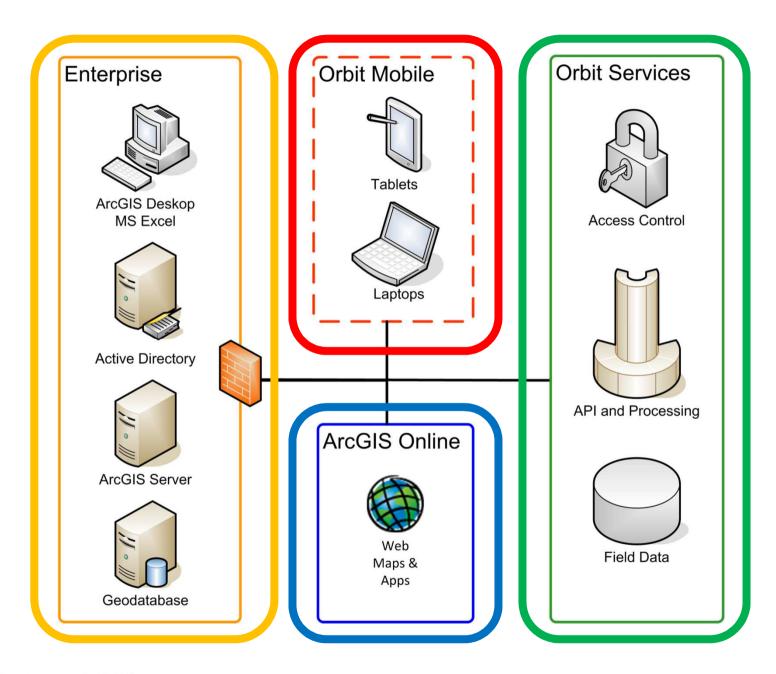
- Wood pole inventory
- Transmission line patrols
- Transmission corridor vegetation management
- Padmounted equipment inspections



## LES' Mobile Implementation



- Rapid time to value
  - The solution is specifically designed to get utilities up-and running quickly
  - Training: First time "green" user, with no mobile experience, was up and running and using the system effectively in 90 minutes
  - Began capturing field data in a matter of days not weeks or months
- Workers can easily identify, inspect, and document assets while in the field
- Communicate the completion of work back to the office
- LES's data is secure by integrating with the utility's existing corporate security model



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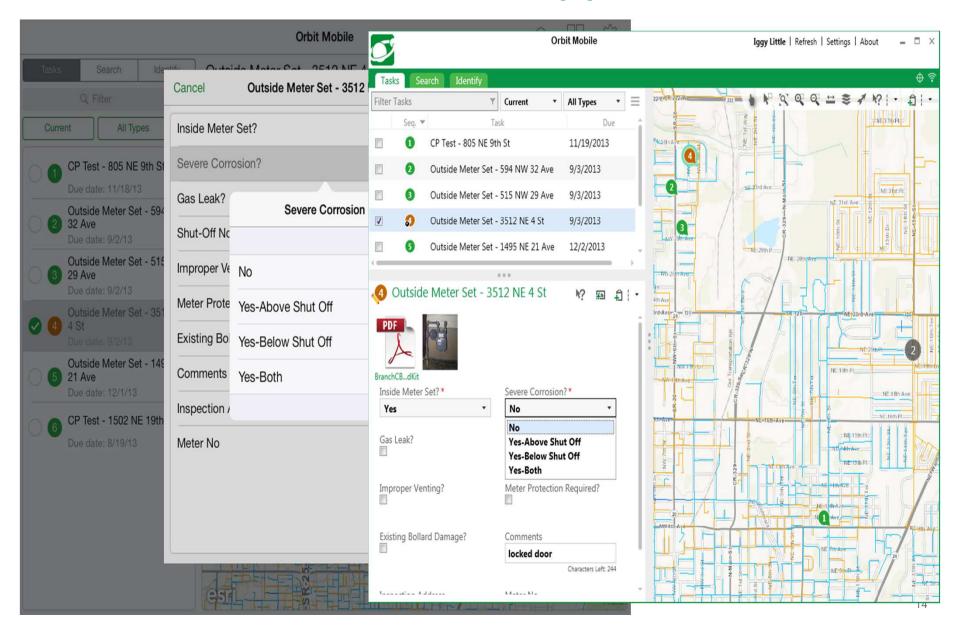
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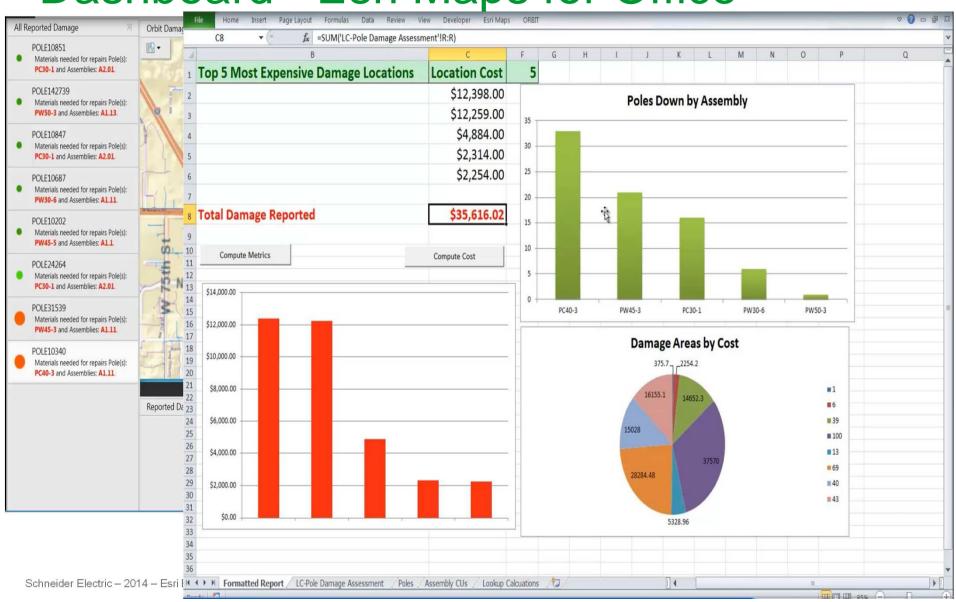
- •"I can definitely say the system is helping us do more inspections..."
- "We were planning on using our custom made ArcEngine application... and we knew we were going to have to change that app to make it less analyst intensive."
- •"...the amount of work we have had to put into data management and reporting have been minimal (less than an hour a week vs. the 2-4 hours a week for pole inventory). Tracking and reporting data is also greatly simplified."

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## Intuitive Mobile Client Apps



Integrations - ArcMap - Operations Dashboard - Esri Maps for Office



#### Summary



- Utilities are becoming more mobile and need modern solutions to help them improve their field operations
- LES' legacy system had a high TCO, slow ROI
- LES needed a solution that was Simple Spatial -Secure
- Orbit provided rapid time to value implementation, training, efficient field work, integrations, flexibility, system maintenance

## **Technology Benefits**



#### Flexibility

 LES can shape the mobile application to quickly and inexpensively to accommodate any changes without needing costly software upgrades

#### Software Updates

- LES receives automatic updates via app-store model
- After 30 days, 300+ inspections and 1200 pictures, total data usage was 5 GB
- In observing services usage metrics Schneider Electric was able to optimize data transfer
- Result reduce data usage for LES by about 40%

"If inspection that is seamless with ArcGIS is important to you then Orbit is a no brainer."

"It's like Apple - it just works."

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