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## **MINNESOTA POWER FOUNDATION CHOOSES FIRST AKOYA.NET SOFTWARE TO MANAGE GRANTMAKING PROGRAM**

**Minneapolis, MN; May 21, 2015:** The Minnesota Power Foundation, a longtime client of Bromelkamp Company, has decided to convert their internal operations software from First Pearl to First Akoya.net. First Akoya.net is a cloud-based CRM (Customer Relationship Management) solution that meets all the grants management needs of a corporate, private, or family foundation. After 18 years of utilizing Bromelkamp Company's First Pearl software, the Minnesota Power Foundation sought software that would maximize their internal resources, was easily accessible to the employees who work in the multiple communities they serve, was flexible, and that came with outstanding customer support. They selected Bromelkamp's online CRM solution, First Akoya.net.

In 1997, the Minnesota Power Foundation chose Bromelkamp's First Pearl to improve their internal management and to create data efficiencies. After using the software for several years, they further customized the system to include the tracking and reporting of the hundreds of corporate volunteers managed by the Foundation. As a result of the continued successful partnership with Bromelkamp Company, they later added Bromelkamp's online grant application, eGrant.net, to their grants administration tool belt. The use of one complete solution made the most of staff resources and provided an easy to use application for their grant seekers. By converting their system to First Akoya.net, the Foundation will improve their internal operations yet again. They will immediately reduce internal IT overhead, as they will no longer require a server to store and access their database, and eliminate the costs of installed software and hardware. All staff will have access to the database anywhere with an internet connection, and at any time, and will be able to automate custom workflows and processes through First Akoya.net's robust CRM integration with Microsoft Office. Tonya Loken says, "I have enjoyed the relationship we have built together over the last 18 years and I look forward to continuing our partnership as we take advantage of all the possibilities that First Akoya.net brings to our work."

### **About the Minnesota Power Foundation**

The Minnesota Power Foundation distributes more than \$1 million annually to organizations and individuals in Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota that share its priorities in education, community enrichment and human services. Its grants and educational programs benefit communities served by Minnesota Power; Superior Water, Light & Power; and BNI Coal. <http://www.mnpowerfoundation.org/>

### **About First Akoya.net**

First Akoya.net is an inspired design that meets the needs of corporate, private & family foundations. Many users praise its flexible, web-based CRM and grants management and note that it can be easily customized to match their unique processes. Users can access information from anywhere, at any time, even offline! It requires minimal or no IT staff and no server because it is a cloud based solution hosted

by Bromelkamp Company. This is the new generation of grants management.

<http://bromelkamp.com/solutions/first-akoya-net>.

For community foundations: <http://bromelkamp.com/solutions/community-akoya-net>.

#### **About eGrant.net**

eGrant.net is Bromelkamp Company's flexible and efficient online application. With eGrant.net, organizations are able to eliminate paper waste, streamline their application process, and ensure data accuracy. Like all of Bromelkamp Company's products there are no contracts, free updates for life, and unparalleled support. To read more visit our product page: <http://bromelkamp.com/solutions/egrant-net>.

#### **About Bromelkamp Company LLC**

Bromelkamp Company LLC's mission is to foster the work of grant makers through technology and advice that enables effectiveness and innovation. Our vision is that our clients are free to focus on the mission of their own organizations because of us. At Bromelkamp Company we are deliver outstanding service and provide personalized customer support. Your needs are where we start, and we are committed to your ongoing success. Learn more about Bromelkamp Company LLC and our software solutions at <http://www.bromelkamp.com/>.

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