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radically.” In fact, some of the technologies Pedigree uses originated in the oil and gas industry, typically referred to as SCADA (Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition systems).

“We’re kind of like a SCADA on steroids,” Warner said. “If we can use technologies to monitor, track, manage equipment and streamline logistics with cellular networks and data networks — everyone wants to make the whole oil and gas delivery process and service process very streamlined and so the educational market is already there.”

As the world of oil and gas moves to sensors and real time policies and procedures, technology companies, and even BIG Data, are starting to surface more and more in the Dakotas. In a recent Building the Bakken interview with North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple, he alluded to oil and gas using more sensors and technology as one of the preventative solutions to oil spills.

“I met with PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) and we are putting together an advisory panel to look at the opportunity to provide technological solutions to pipeline safety,” Dalrymple said. “There’s a lot to understand there and we think there may be an opportunity to do some things in North Dakota through the use

of monitors and sensors, a greater use of them than we have had in the past.”

This technology transition in the Bakken oil fields is not only the real deal, but it is serious business. Comply365’s Board of Directors is extremely impressive and a testament to the company Frank has built. She has the making of a Dream Team Board of Directors with the support of former Apple CFO Joe Graziano and the billionaire tech entrepreneur Rob Ryan.

Software companies like Pedigree Technologies and Comply365 are proving niche tech companies can play a major role in revolutionizing oil & gas. Their vision, business acumen and dreams of innovation are becoming more invaluable to corporate oil and gas offices across the industry every day.

“I’m a dreamer,” says Frank. “Rob (Ryan) was the first person to ever tell me I wasn’t dreaming big enough.”

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