

# Synergetic secures US power contract

BRISBANE engineering firm Synergetic Engineering has cracked the lucrative United States energy market by winning a tender to install its specialist software in an American power station.

Synergetic Engineering and its joint venture partner URS, a major US engineering consultancy, have been contracted by the Tennessee Valley Authority in a program to

significantly increase the efficiency of a 1000Mw power station. Synergetic has been chosen to install its Sentient-Suite software in the power station.

Managing director Don Sands said the significance of the successful bid "could not be underestimated".

"This is just the first very small step towards a potentially massive opportunity to

optimise power stations across the US, a market 20 times bigger than Australia's," he said.

Mr Sands said he began research and development on the software in 1998 in a bid to create world-first software which would enable the real-time, intelligent analysis of the technical performance of virtually every component in a modern power station. It has already been installed in several Queensland stations.