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Smart Grid Interoperability Panel

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Reminder: SGIP Plenary Meeting this Friday at 1pm Eastern

Find out what is in store for the SGIP in 2011! The SGIP Plenary Officers will be conducting the first meeting of the year on Jan. 21st from 1pm to 3pm Eastern.

To attend remotely, register here: https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/386377858

NOTE: Attendance is REQUIRED for SGIP Participating Member Organizations to remain in good standing.

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Call for Plenary Secretary Candidates Begins January 24th

Beginning next week, SGIP Leadership will seek nominations for a Plenary Secretary.

The Plenary Secretary works closely with the SGIP Administrator team in providing administrative support services to the SGIP membership, including but not limited to: scheduling meetings, notifying members of SGIP meetings, preparing agendas, and recording and posting minutes. Additionally, the Plenary Secretary posts proposed additions and deletions to the Interoperability Knowledge Base (IKB) upon approval of the SGIP. The Secretary serves a term of one year and cannot serve for a consecutive term.

Key Dates:

- Jan. 24th: Call for candidates open at 9 am Eastern. For consideration, candidates must belong to a Participating Member organization (*click for list*).
- Jan. 31st: Call for candidates closes at 5 pm Eastern
- Feb. 9th: Slate of Candidates posted to Twiki for Member Review
- Feb. 14th: Voting opens at 9 am Eastern. Eligible Voting Representative will be reminded via email.
- Feb. 22nd: Voting closes at 5 pm Eastern.
- Feb. 23rd: New Secretary announced.

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Call for Papers: ETSI workshop on Smart Grid

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) is soliciting SGIP participation in their upcoming workshop. In the spirit of international collaboration, we encourage your consideration to respond to their call for papers announcement (see attached for complete letter).

In particular, ETSI organizers are interested in understanding the commonalities between the North American and European Union standards approaches. **The deadline for sending an abstract is January 30th.** A selection committee meeting will be held in early February and the selected papers will be announced shortly thereafter.

In partnership with CEN/CENELEC/ETSI JWG, NIST SGIP and T&D Europe, ETSI is conducting an open workshop on "Standards: an architecture for the Smart Grid" to be held in Sophia Antipolis, France in early April. The event is free of charge and open to non-ETSI Members.

The invitation is now open for papers and presentations to be submitted to the workshop, on one or several of the (non exhaustive) list of topics below:

- New (ICT based) business models
- ICT for Electrical Vehicle Systems and Network Management

- ICT for Home Energy Management
- New applications for the Smart Grid
- Communication Technologies, Networks and Architectures for the Smart Grid
- Efficient, Reliable, Self-Healing Architectures for the Smart Grid
- Privacy and Security for the Smart Grid
- Data Models for the Smart Grid
- Interoperability Solutions for the Smart Grid
- Research for the Smart Grid
- Smart Grid Standardization and Regulation

Candidate speakers to the ETSI Smart Grids 2011 Workshop should send a short abstract using this **submission form** to events@etsi.org **by January 30th.**

More information about this workshop is available at **http://www.etsi.org/smartgridsws.**

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Provide Your Perspective on Standards Activities to NIST: Respond by March 7th

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), on behalf of the National Science and Technology Council's Sub-Committee on Standards, invites interested parties to provide their perspectives on the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in the development and implementation of standards and conformity assessment activities and programs. This information will help the Sub-Committee on Standards develop case studies that Federal agencies can consider in their future engagement in standards development and conformity assessment, particularly for multi-disciplinary technologies, or for technologies involving engagement from multiple Federal agencies.

The objective of this request is to inform the development of case studies that will examine the effectiveness of Federal agencies' participation in standards-setting efforts led by the private sector. These case studies may inform decisions about Federal agencies' engagement in standardization for technologies with similar characteristics.

The Sub-Committee on Standards is specifically interested in comments that address the questions below as they relate to the following technologies:

1. Smart Grid.

2. Health Information Technology.

3. Cyber Security.

4. Emergency Communications Interoperability.

5. Radioactivity Detectors and Radiation Monitors (ANSI N42.3x and N42.4x).

6. Other technologies involving significant Federal agency participation in standards setting.

The deadline for commenting is 11:59 pm Eastern on March 7, 2011.
To learn more or provide your comments, visit here: **http://www.federalregister.gov**

NEW: Roundtable to Discuss Federal Government Engagement in Standards

What is the appropriate role for the federal government in convening industry stakeholders and catalyzing standards development and use? How should the federal government engage in sectors where there is a compelling national interest? How are existing public-private initiatives in standardization working?

On January 25th, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are hosting a moderated panel discussion with thought leaders from industry and academia on this important topic.
To learn more or attend, please click here: **http://www.nist.gov/el/standards_roundtable.cfm**

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FERC Holding Technical Conference on January 31st

On Monday, January 31, 2011 at 1 p.m. Eastern, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will hold a Technical Conference to obtain further information to aid the Commission's determination of whether there is ''sufficient consensus'' that the five families of standards posted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

and included in this proceeding are ready for Commission consideration in a rulemaking proceeding, as directed by section 1305(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

The technical conference will be led by Commission staff. Commissioners may attend the conference.

Conference will be held at:

FERC Headquarters
Commission Meeting Room
888 First St. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

A free live webcast is available for this meeting. Anyone with Internet access who desires to listen to this event can do so. To learn more or attend, please visit **http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar**.

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