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Smart Grid Interoperability Panel

Greetings Smart Grid Interoperability Panel Members!

December 17, 2009

At its first meeting held on December 8-9, our three-week-old governing board appointed Steve Widergren, a principal engineer at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, as plenary chair of the panel.

Widergren, who has served as administrator of the GridWise Architecture Council and as Smart Grid interoperabilty and standards coordinator for the U.S. Department of Energy, will organize and preside over meetings of the entire SGIP which now consists of more than 400 organizations. He also will appoint the chairs of the two standing committees—Smart Grid architecture and interoperability testing and conformance.

"Advancing interoperability as a strategic Smart Grid enabler is a cause worthy of service," Widergren said. "To be selected as the first SGIP plenary chair is an honor I accept with humility for the task before us and with respect for the great progress made by the NIST team with all stakeholders over the last several months, culminating in the establishment of an impressive SGIP governing board."

Presently consisting of 23 members, the governing board prioritizes the work of the SGIP, and it will consult regularly with standards development organizations, user groups and others directly involved in Smart Grid standardization efforts. The board will coordinate resources necessary to carry out finalized SGIP action plans in efficient and effective manner.

"The collective brain power and experience of this governing board bodes well for the future of ongoing Smart Grid standardization efforts," said George Arnold, NIST's national coordinator for Smart Grid interoperability, who serves as a non-voting member. "I also was impressed by the dedication and spirit of cooperation demonstrated by this diverse group."

The board also began making preparations to provide input to future versions of the *NIST Framework and Roadmap for Smart Grid Interoperability Standards, Release 1.0,* and a second draft of a companion document, *DRAFT NISTIR 7628 Smart Grid Cyber Security Strategy and Requirements.*

To read the entire NIST press release, please click here.

For more information about Priority Action Plans (PAPs) and the SGIP Working Groups and Committees, click here.

Best Regards,
The SGIP Administrator Team
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Call for Candidates

Other governing board business included initiating a call for candidates to fill the four open stakeholder-category positions on the board. More information to follow.

1. electric transportation industry stakeholders;
2. municipal utilities;
3. electricity and financial market traders (including aggregators);
4. and venture capital.

The call for candidates will be posted at: http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid.SGIP.

Get Registered!

The **NIST Smart Grid Collaboration TWiki** is an open collaboration site for the Smart Grid community to work with NIST and an important element to SGIP participation. If you are a member representative for your organization and not registered for the TWiki, please register today. Go to http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/RegistrationProcess

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The SGIP, which currently consists of over 400 organizations spread among 22 stakeholder categories of Smart Grid, has three functions:

- Oversee activities intended to expedite the development of interoperability and cyber security specifications by standards setting organizations;
- Provide technical guidance to facilitate development of standards for a secure, interoperable Smart Grid; and
- Specify testing and certification requirements necessary to assess the interoperability Smart Grid-related equipment.

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