

IEEE POWER & ENERGY SOCIETY AND GRIDWISE ALLIANCE ENTER INTO COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

Newly signed MOU to facilitate improved organizational cooperation, including knowledge, expertise, and resource-sharing

WASHINGTON, D.C. and PISCATAWAY, N.J USA, April 21, 2010 – IEEE Power & Energy Society (IEEE PES), the leading provider of scientific and engineering information on electric power and energy, and the GridWise Alliance, a technology-neutral smart grid coalition, announced the signing of an agreement enabling the two organizations to work collaboratively on Smart Grid-related issues. The cooperative agreement was unveiled during the Smart Grid Day, April 21, 2010, held in conjunction with the IEEE PES Transmission & Distribution Conference and Exposition in New Orleans, LA.

The collaborative agreement brings together two leading electric industry organizations, IEEE PES and the GridWise Alliance. IEEE PES is a global non-profit association of more than 25,000 technical professionals throughout the electric power industry. The organization is part of IEEE, the world's largest technical professional society encompassing 400,000 members in 160 countries. The GridWise Alliance is a consensus-based coalition of stakeholders from across the electric ecosystem, advocating a smarter grid for the greater public good. GridWise Alliance members represent utilities, system operators, manufacturers, investors, academia, and information and communications companies.

"This agreement to collaborate will strengthen the engineering basis of our group," said Katherine Hamilton, President, GridWise Alliance. "IEEE PES has worked diligently to ensure professional engineers are appropriately educated as our utilities build their smart grid programs. IEEE PES has provided significant thought leadership on smart grid and can help provide a technical foundation to the smart grid policies we advocate."

"We are thrilled to be partnering with the GridWise Alliance," said Wanda Reder, 2008-2009 President, IEEE Power & Energy Society and Chair, IEEE Smart Grid. "Our relationship will join the advocacy leadership of the GridWise Alliance with the technical expertise and integrity of IEEE PES. We look forward to collaborating on education and workforce development, because we feel strongly that a prepared workforce with appropriate competencies is one of the most critical elements for smart grid success."

The two groups will collaborate on a variety of issues and plan to establish a firm connection between the electric power and energy industries through shared educational materials, policy proposals, and Smart Grid research projects. For more information on IEEE PES, please visit <http://www.ieee-pes.org/>. For more information on the GridWise Alliance, please visit <http://www.gridwise.org/>.

About IEEE Power & Energy Society

The IEEE Power & Energy Society is a worldwide, non-profit association of nearly 25,000 individuals engaged in electric power engineering. PES members are involved in the planning, research, development, construction, installation, and operation of equipment and systems for the safe, reliable, and economic generation, transmission, distribution, measurement, and control of electric energy. Members of the Power & Energy Society are leaders in this field, and they — and their employers — derive substantial benefits from involvement with this unique and outstanding association. For more information, see <http://www.ieee-pes.org/>.

About the GridWise Alliance

The GridWise Alliance, founded in 2003, is a coalition of public and private stakeholders that advocates for a smarter grid for the public good. The Alliance facilitates the effective collaboration among stakeholders, to promote, educate, and advocate for the adoption of innovative smart grid solutions. These solutions will achieve economic and environmental benefits for customers, communities, shareholders and society. GridWise Alliance members include utilities, IT companies, equipment vendors, new technology providers and academic institutions.

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