

IEEE PES Leadership in Power Award

The IEEE PES Leadership in Power Award was established in 2007 to recognize industry leaders for exceptional contributions to the promotion of the electric power engineering profession. The award is particularly intended to highlight actions which have encouraged the development and growth of electric power engineering practitioners and the recognition of the contributions electric power engineers have made to society. In this era, electric utility leaders who recognize the crucial importance of power engineering in the safe, reliable and economical generation, transmission and distribution of electricity are rare and this award is to recognize them for their insight and wisdom.

To be eligible, recipients must be active in the electric power industry but do not need to be IEEE members. Selection is based on evaluation of accomplishments as revealed by documented testimonials from industry members. Of particular importance is evidence of the candidate's promotion of the importance of the power engineering profession and the people practicing it. Work in encouraging industry involvement with university power engineering programs, encouraging young engineers through mentoring and career development programs, recognition programs for power engineers, encouragement of professional activities by practitioners, etc. are also considered.

The recipient receives a sculpture, certificate, \$2,000 honorarium and a travel stipend of up to \$2,000.

Past Recipients:

- 2008 Robin A. Hurst
- 2009 James A. Kelly
- 2010 James Alan Greer

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Terry Boston

2011 Recipient

For his leadership as chair of the North American SynchroPhasor Initiative to enhance power system reliability, and his partnership with local universities to advance the education of Power Engineers

Terry Boston has served for over three years as CEO of PJM Interconnection, the largest power grid in North America and largest electricity market in the world.

Mr. Boston is chairman of the North American Transmission Forum, dedicated to excellence in performance and sharing industry best practices. He was one of the eight industry experts selected to direct the NERC investigation of the August 2003 Northeast/Midwest blackout.

Mr. Boston was chosen as one of Intelligent Utilities Magazine's 2011 Top 11 Industry Movers and Shakers, and led PJM to win the Platts 2010 Global Leadership Award.

Mr. Boston serves as a U.S. vice president of the International Council of Large Electric Systems (CIGRE), and vice president of the Consortium for Electric Reliability Technology Solutions.

Prior to joining PJM, Mr. Boston was executive vice president of power system operations at The Tennessee Valley Authority, the largest electricity wholesaler and public power provider in the U.S. In 35 years at TVA, Mr. Boston directed divisions in transmission and power operations, pricing and contracts, and electric system reliability.

He served three years as chairman of the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council board of directors and executive committee, three years on the NERC Board/ Stakeholders Committee, and has recently been elected to the NERC Members Representative Committee.

Mr. Boston holds a bachelors of science in engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a masters of science in engineering administration from the University of Tennessee.

