

Building the Smart Grid Team

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- **The Challenge**
- **Understanding the Smart Grid**
- **The Job of the Smart Grid Team**
- **Process and Tools**
- **Q&A**



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Mission – Accelerate the modernization of the Grid in the U.S.

- Develop a vision for the Smart Grid
- Reach out to stakeholders to get input and consensus
- Assist in the identification and resolution issues
- Act as an “independent broker”
- Promote testing of integrated suites of technologies
- Communicate concepts to assist interested stakeholders

MGS is an “Independent Broker” for the Smart Grid



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THE CHALLENGE



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- **Consumers actively involved**
- **Transactive (financial, information, “electric”)**
- **Decentralized with 2-way power flow**
- **Fully integrated**
- **Fully instrumented**
- **Huge amount of data**
- **High granularity of control**
- **Market driven**



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Design – Subset of Technical Challenges

- Large numbers of small sources and storage
- Incorporating 2-way power flow into operations
- Micro-grids and dynamic islanding
- Adaptive protective “relaying”
- Getting the communications system right
- “Future proofing” the technologies
- Integration of new power electronics
- Cyber Security
- Autonomous decision making by agents vs. operator

Moving to a more de-centralized model



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A significant change management effort is needed:

- Why do we need to change?
- What is the vision?
- What is the value proposition?
- 300 Million consumers affected
- Consumer education, alignment, and motivation is critical
- Metrics needed for accountability and to monitor progress
- Active leadership by stakeholder groups needed

Our challenge is to align under a common long term vision and make our short term investment decisions consistent with the “end in mind”.



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- ***Time based rates*** - incentives for consumers to become actively involved
- ***Favorable depreciation rules*** – recovery of book value for assets that are retired early for “smart grid” reasons
- ***Policy changes that provide incentives and remove disincentives to utilities*** – investment in a Smart Grid should make business sense
- ***Clear cost recovery policies*** - uncertain cost recovery increases investment risk
- ***Societal benefits*** – quantified and included in business cases
- ***New regulatory models***



UNDERSTANDING THE SMART GRID



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The Smart Grid is MORE:

- **Reliable**
- **Secure**
- **Economic**
- **Efficient**
- **Environmentally friendly**
- **Safe**

These values define the goals for grid modernization and suggest where benefits will be realized



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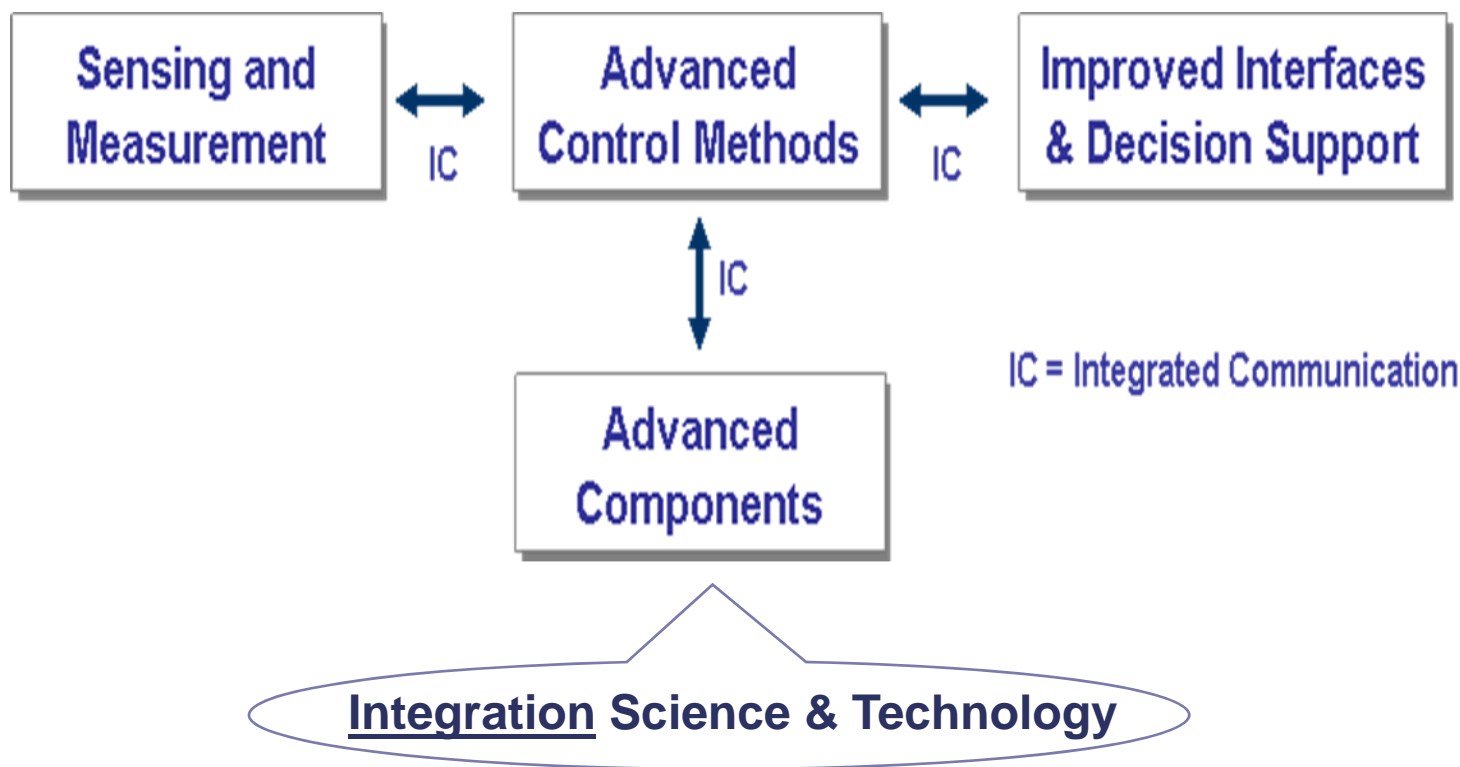
The Smart Grid is “transactive” and will:

- *Enable* active participation by consumers
- *Accommodate* all generation and storage options
- *Enable* new products, services, and markets
- *Provide* power quality for the digital economy
- *Optimize* asset utilization and operate efficiently
- *Anticipate & respond* to system disturbances (self-heal)
- *Operate* resiliently against attack and natural disaster



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Smart Grid Key Technology Areas



Integration – biggest gap in today's science & technology development



THE JOB OF THE TEAM



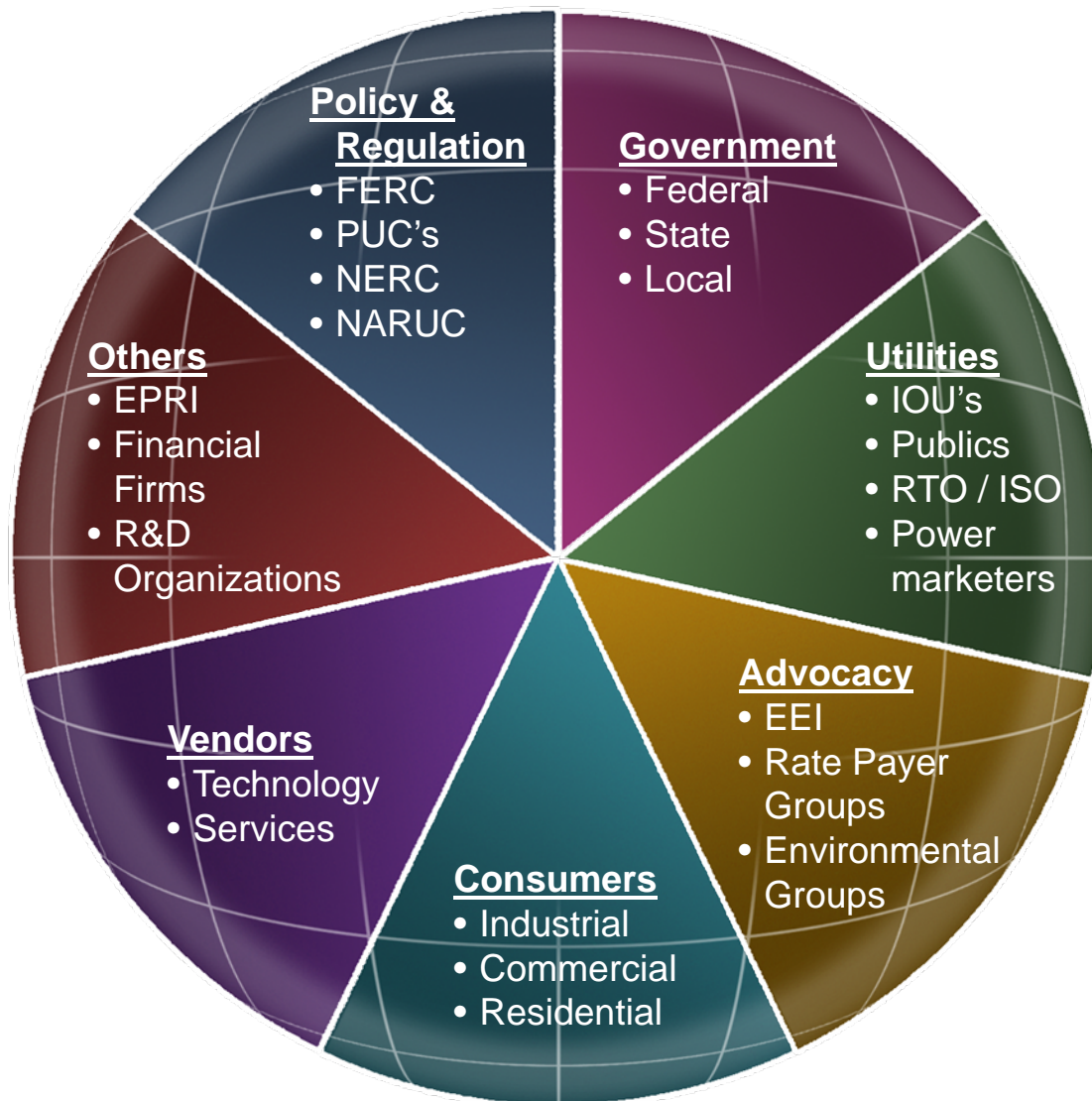
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- **Understand the vision**
- **Create the roadmap (milestones)**
- **Define the value proposition**
- **Identify and resolve barriers**
- **Apply resources**
- **Create metrics to monitor progress**



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Many stakeholders



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- **Strategy**
- **Operationsⁿ**
- **Information & Communications Techⁿ**
- **Finance**
- **Rates**
- **Customer Service**
- **Maintenanceⁿ**
- **Engineeringⁿ**
- **Planning**
- **Regulatory Affairs**
- **Other**
- **State commission**
- **Consumer groupsⁿ**
- **FERC, NERC, etc**
- **City / Municipalityⁿ**
- **Board**
- **Vendorsⁿ**
- **Industry groupsⁿ**
- **Standards groupsⁿ**
- **Research organizationsⁿ**



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PROCESS AND TOOLS



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- **Use existing body of work**
 - Modern Grid Strategy
 - GridWise Architecture Council
 - Intelligrid Consortium
- **Actively learn from others – seek it out**
- **Get everyone on the same page – cannot overstate the value of this – alignment**
- **Write it down – talk it – teach it – walk it**

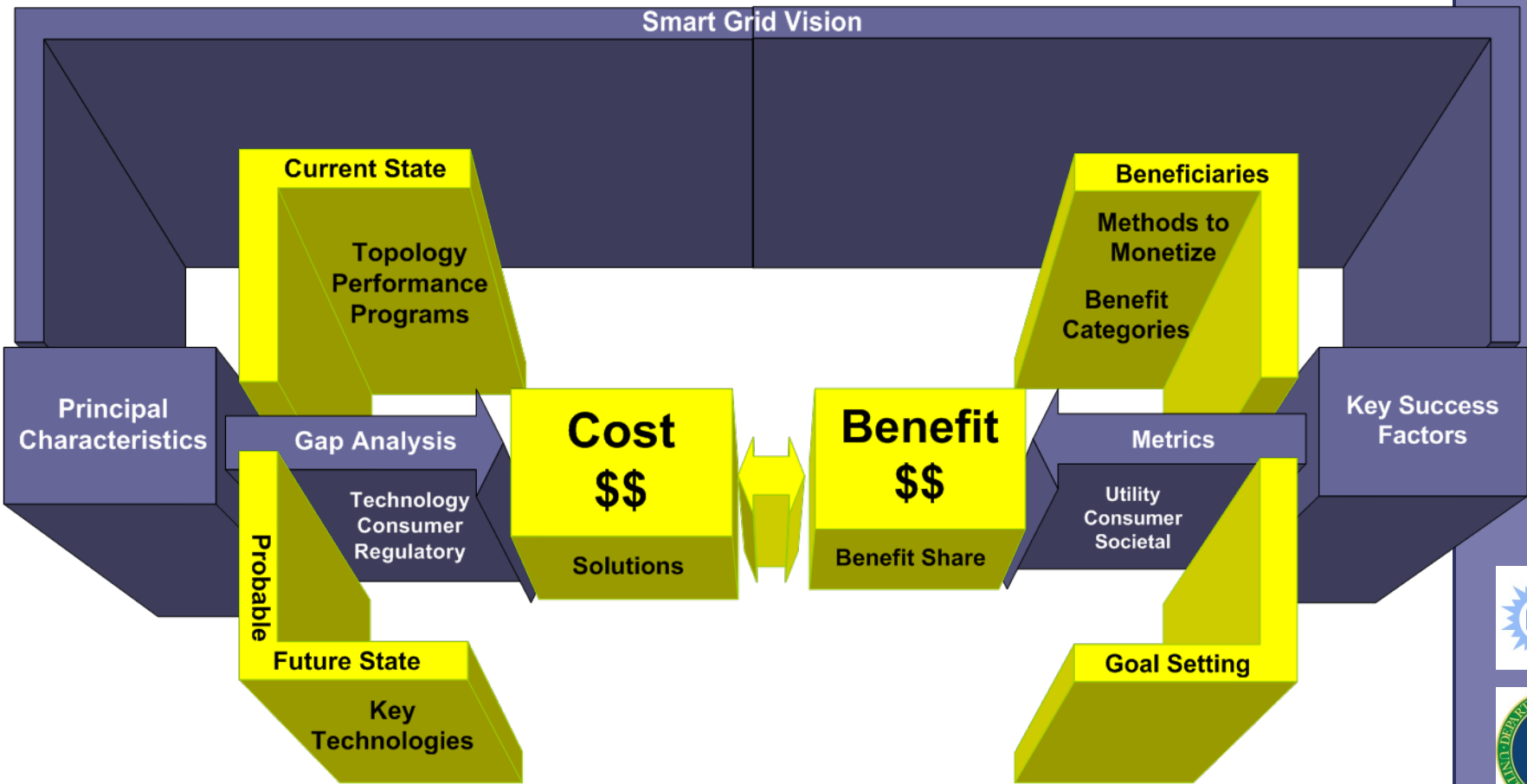


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- **Start at the beginning**
 - Too often we assume the beginning state and jump to the technology or process “answers” only to fail because of taking the wrong path
- **Helpful tools**
 - Smart Grid expanded gap analysis
 - Use Case process
 - Smart Grid maturity model
- **Vision**
- **High level business case**
- **High level implementation plan**
- **Use cases**
- **PMO and metrics**
- **Architecture**
- **Design**
- **Development**
- **Measured deployment**
- **Roll-out**



Define the Value – Business Case



- **Regulatory & Legislative**
 - Rate design, penalty for non-traditional approaches
 - Lack of incentives
- **Culture & Communication**
 - Don't see burning platform
 - Consumer education
- **Industrial**
 - Skill at business case development
 - Lack of interoperability
- **Technical**
 - Integration skills

* *BARRIERS TO ACHIEVING THE MODERN GRID*, NETL MGS document, 2008



- **How much and who?**
 - Skills change over length of project
 - Resource levels go up and down and up
 - Benchmark – learn from others
- **Program management office**
 - Vision
 - Business case
 - Architecture
 - Design center / authority
 - Metrics and reporting
 - Financials
- **What skills persist after the “project”**



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■ **“Build” metrics**

- Long, complex project
- Milestones and deployment %
- Pick metrics that convey a sense of progress
- Metrics that help you “see” the critical path

■ **Performance metrics**

- Consider the DOE Smart Grid metrics (in development)
- Required under federal grant and cost-share programs
- Roll-up to corporate dashboard
- Supportive of current reporting metrics (state, reliability reporting, etc)
- Multi-year trends; don’t focus on short-term



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- **“Begin with the end in mind” – yes, really**
 - Vision, high level business case, high level implementation plan
- **Collaborate with stakeholders**
 - Begin early and stick with it throughout
- **The team**
 - Enough external silo's, don't need any more from the inside
 - Align it and educate it
 - Organize around a central point – PMO
 - Plan well / resource load well
- **Don't be afraid to measure progress**
 - Objective, repeatable, critical few
 - Share and diagnose



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QUESTIONS?



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NETL SMART GRID ACTIVITIES



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West Virginia Smart Grid Implementation Plan

- **\$540K project jointly funded by NETL, RDS, Allegheny Power, AEP, State of West Virginia, WVU, and DOE OE**
- **Results will describe approach and value proposition for implementing Smart Grid in WV**
- **Cost & benefit analysis comparing state of current electricity grid and future Smart Grid in WV**
- **Address role of coal in Smart Grid**
- **Support economic development in WV**
- **Only state-wide Smart Grid implementation plan**
- **Only second Smart Grid study to be published**



- **NETL is managing nine RDSI projects**
 - \$55M of DOE funds over 5 years; total is >\$100M
 - Primary goal is to use DER to reduce peak load by 15%
 - DER (storage and DG), DR, Communications, Automation
- **Develop technologies, tools, and techniques to integrate load management and DER**
 - Develop and demonstrate Smart Grid technologies in an integrated and intelligent T&D network
 - Advance integration technologies to access renewable energy sources
 - Demonstrate DER to decrease peak load, increase asset utilization, and defer electric system upgrades



- **Smart Grid Maturity Model**
 - Roadmap of activities, investments, and best practices
 - Measures progress and level of achieving Smart Grid
- **Smart Grid Clearinghouse**
 - First-stop website for public information on Smart Grid
 - Technologies, tests and demonstrations, business cases, cost & benefits, best practices, legislation
- **Federal Smart Grid Task Force**
 - Multi-agency task force created by Title XIII of EISA 2007
 - DOE (OE&EE), NIST, DOD, USDA, DHS, EPA, FERC
- **Smart Grid and Clean Coal Relationship**



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