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## **Leaders in smart grid interoperability recognized by the GridWise® Architecture Council**

*Individuals advance tomorrow's electricity system*

SANTA CLARA, California — The [GridWise Architecture Council](#) (GWAC) has honored three individuals for advancing openness in the smart electric power system of the future.

Recipients of the 2010 GridWise Applied Awards are Paul Centolella, commissioner, Ohio Public Utilities Commission; Conrad Eustis, director of retail technology development, Portland General Electric; and James Mater, co-founder and director, QualityLogic.

“As awareness of smart grid issues continues to elevate in the nation,” said Ron Ambrosio, GWAC Chairman, “it is important to credit those who have already demonstrated an understanding of how the GridWise vision can be applied to real solutions.”

The awards of recognition and appreciation were presented during ConnectivityWeek in Santa Clara, Calif.

Centolella was recognized for his development and promotion of regulations and policy consistent with the principles of interoperability as stated in the GridWise Interoperability Constitution.

Eustis was recognized for his promotion of interoperability principles and his advocacy within the home-to-grid community for the development of interoperable interfaces between appliances and other devices and systems.

Mater was recognized for his contribution to the work of the GridWise Architecture Council in the development of the Interoperability Maturity Model, updates to the Interoperability Decision Maker's Checklist, and for his efforts to promote the application of interoperability principles within the smart grid community.

### About the GridWise Architecture Council

The GridWise Architecture Council was convened in 2004 by the Department of Energy with support from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. As a volunteer council, the GWAC includes practitioners and leaders with broad-based knowledge and expertise in power, information technology, telecommunications, financial systems and other fields who are working together toward a coordinated GridWise vision—the transformation of the nation's energy system into a rich, collaborative network filled with decision-making information exchange and market-based opportunities.

**The GWAC will host the third Grid-Interop Forum December 1 - 3, 2010, in Chicago. For more information visit [www.grid-interop.com](http://www.grid-interop.com).**

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