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GridWise® Architecture Council and National Institute of Standards and Technology accelerate interoperable electricity system at Grid-Interop 2009

GWAC awards outstanding technical papers; NIST forms interoperability panel

DENVER – The GridWise® Architecture Council (GWAC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) brought together 500 industry experts, stakeholders and policy makers to discuss interoperable components of a smart grid at the annual Grid-Interop forum held November 17 – 19.

"Grid-Interop has become a key event for bringing together smart grid stakeholders to work together on interoperability technology and standards," said NIST's National Interoperability Coordinator Dr. George Arnold. "We would not have been able to come this far so quickly without the support and collaboration of the GridWise Architecture Council and the many other organizations contributing to smart grid interoperability represented at this event." In the opening keynote speech, NIST Director Pat Gallagher noted the large increase in participants at this year's gathering.

During the meeting NIST formed the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP). Candidates for the governing board of the panel discussed their qualifications, members of the panel voted, and the names of the newly elected governing board were announced during the closing session. Further, meeting attendees participated in discussions of priority action plans for the development of smart grid interoperability standards.

At the forum's closing ceremonies GWAC Chairman Ron Ambrosio and Administrator Ron Melton recognized the following technical papers for excellence in quality and advancement of smart grid interoperability:

"On the Ground Experience":

- James Mater for the paper "Creating a Smart Grid Interoperability Maturity Rating System"

"Connectivity":

- Dave Bakken for the paper "Smart Grid Communications: QoS Stovepipes or QoS Interoperability?"

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"Business and Policy":

- Don Hammerstrom for the paper "Standardization of a Hierarchical Transactive Control System"

"Information Interoperability":

- Dave Hardin for the paper "Interoperable Cloud Networking for a Smarter Grid"

"Poster Session":

- Rick Denker for the paper "Fostering Tools and Test Equipment for Smart Grid Interoperability"

The GridWise® Architecture Council consists of 13 practitioners and leaders with broad-based knowledge and expertise in power, information technology, telecommunications, financial systems and other fields that 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.

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