

# 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**



## *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**



# 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*



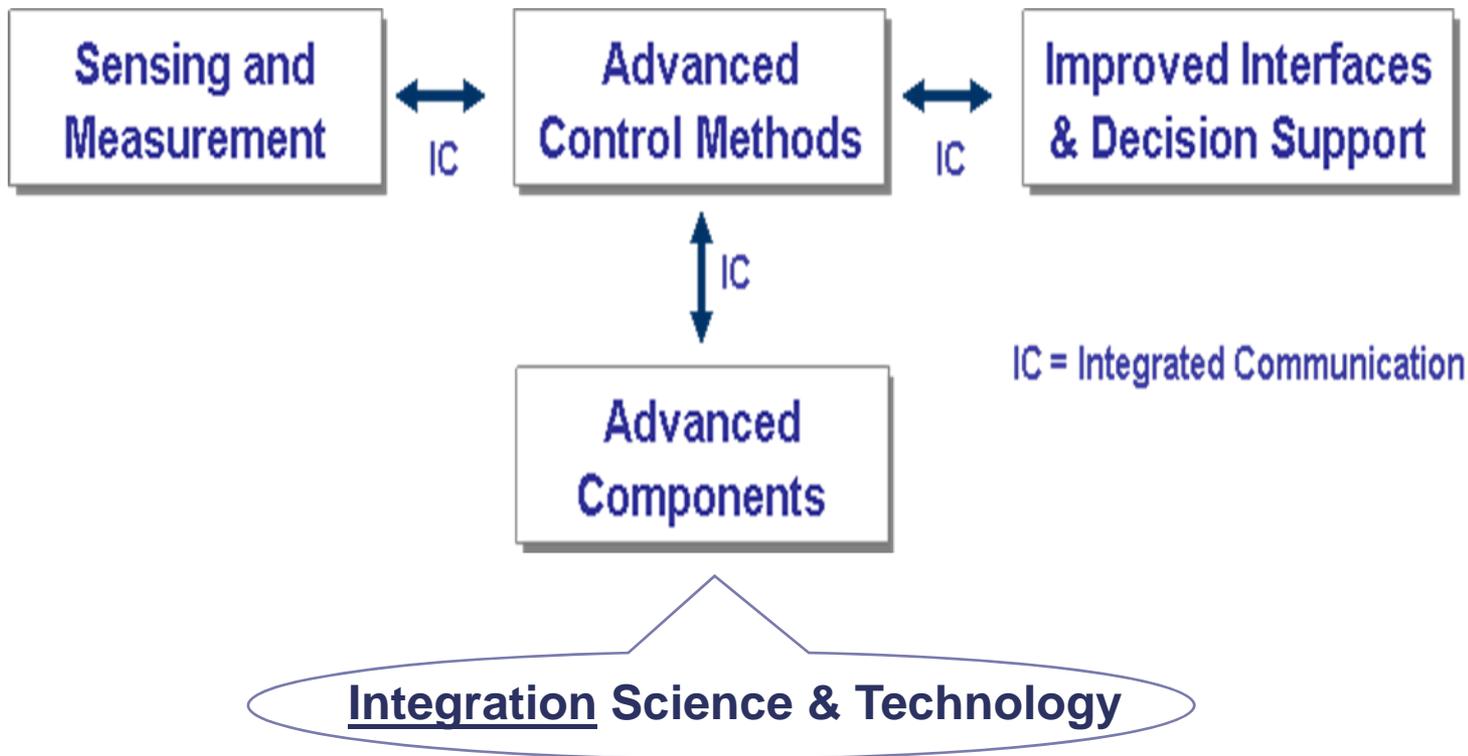
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## ***The Smart Grid is “transactive” and will:***

- *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



# Smart Grid Key Technology Areas



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



# THE JOB OF THE TEAM

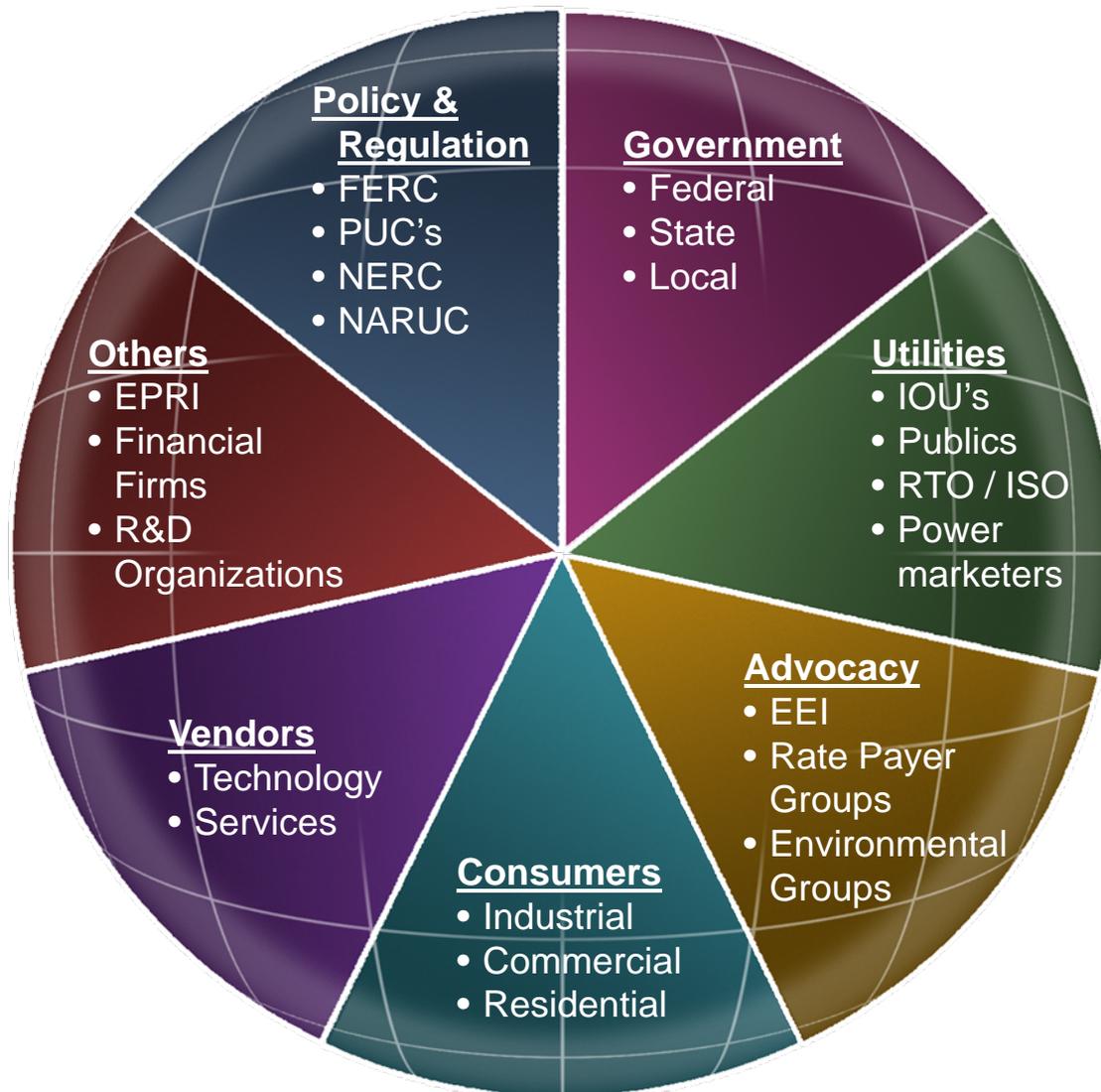


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- **Understand the vision**
- **Create the roadmap (milestones)**
- **Define the value proposition**
- **Identify and resolve barriers**
- **Apply resources**
- **Create metrics to monitor progress**



# Many stakeholders



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- Strategy
- Operations<sup>n</sup>
- Information & Communications Tech<sup>n</sup>
- Finance
- Rates
- Customer Service
- Maintenance<sup>n</sup>
- Engineering<sup>n</sup>
- Planning
- Regulatory Affairs
- Other
- State commission
- Consumer groups<sup>n</sup>
- FERC, NERC, etc
- City / Municipality<sup>n</sup>
- Board
- Vendors<sup>n</sup>
- Industry groups<sup>n</sup>
- Standards groups<sup>n</sup>
- Research organizations<sup>n</sup>



# PROCESS AND TOOLS



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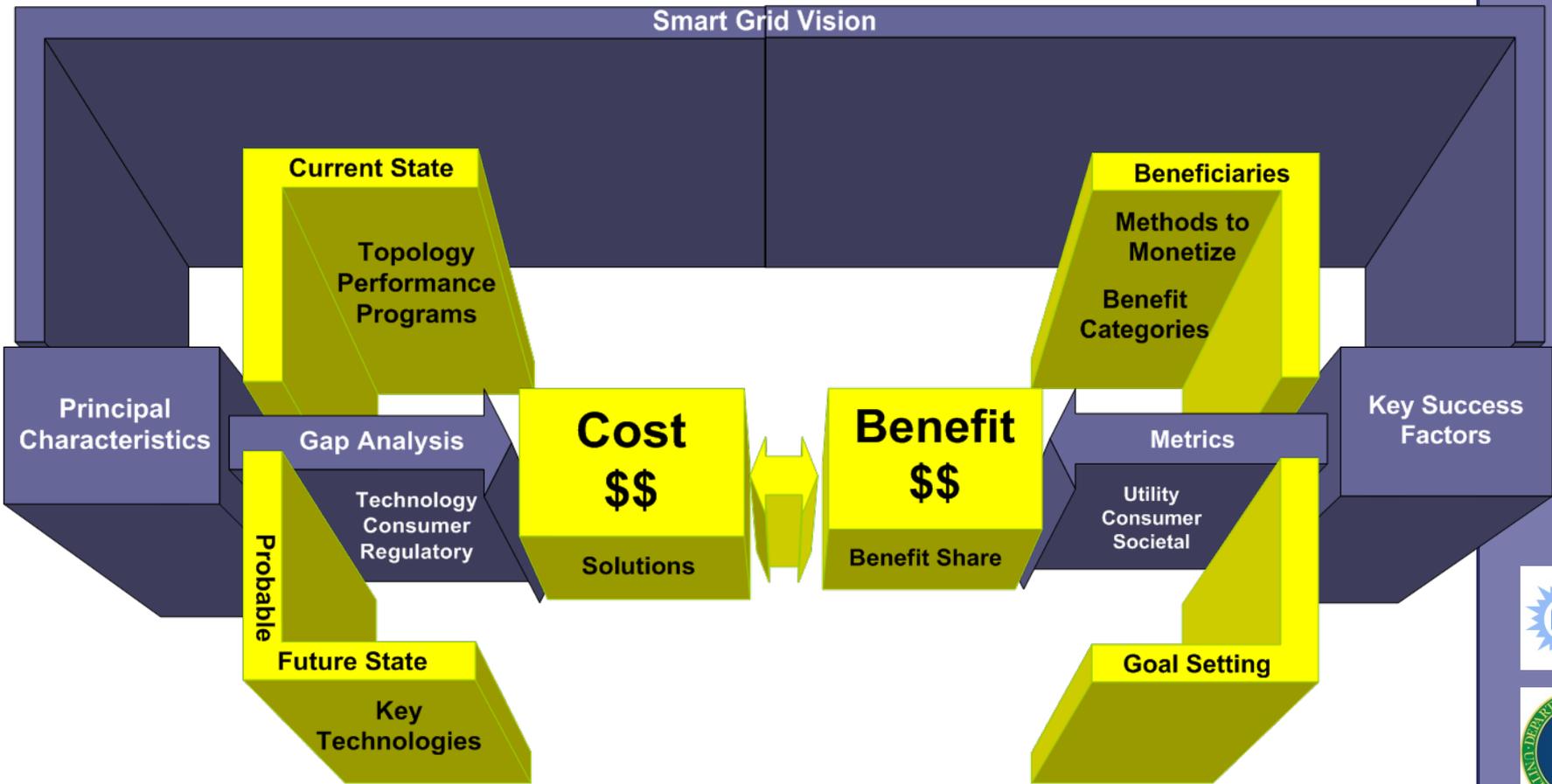
- **Use existing body of work**
  - Modern Grid Strategy
  - GridWise Architecture Council
  - Intelligrid Consortium
- **Actively learn from others – seek it out**
- **Get everyone on the same page – cannot overstate the value of this – alignment**
- **Write it down – talk it – teach it – walk it**



- **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



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- **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”**



- **“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



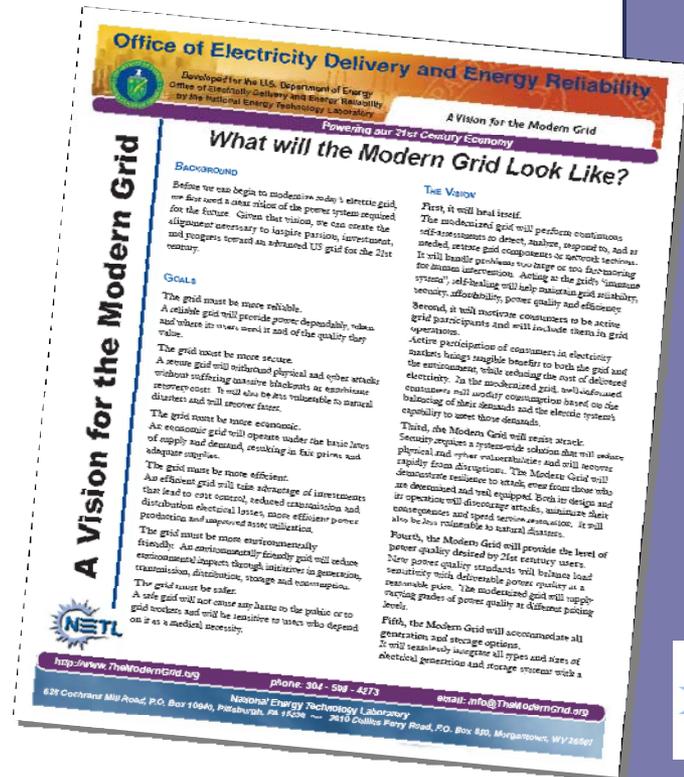
- **“Begin with the end in mind” – yes, really**
  - Vision, high level business case, high level implementation plan
- **Collaborate with stakeholders**
  - Begin early and stick with it throughout
- **The team**
  - Enough external silo's, don't need any more from the inside
  - Align it and educate 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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- **\$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**

