



## TAKING A GIANT STEP TOWARD SMART GRID DEMONSTRATION

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*Washington, DC (November 23, 2009)* - Tomorrow's announcement by the Obama Administration to spend over \$600 million for smart grid demonstration projects was applauded by the GridWise® Alliance, the nation's leading smart grid advocacy organization. In response to the decision, GridWise Alliance President, Katherine Hamilton, released the following statement:

"We commend the Department of Energy for its leadership in moving this cost-shared program forward and spurring innovation. We will learn how these smart grid ideas work from a real world technological and a business level. These regional and technology-specific awards will help quantify the costs and benefits of smart grid.

"With the climate negotiations fast approaching in Copenhagen, the United States is showing leadership in low carbon solutions. The GridWise Alliance and many of our members will be in Copenhagen during the negotiations. Our message will be that smart grid technologies can enable clean energy solutions like renewable energy, distributed generation and energy efficiency. Further, making our grid more efficient and able to meet the demands of our 21st century digital age will be critical to meeting carbon emissions reductions.

"Many GridWise Alliance member companies are poised to benefit from the smart grid recovery act funds. These demonstration grants will enable American industry to prove that our entrepreneurial spirit can provide energy and climate solutions while boosting competitiveness and restoring our economy."

For more information about the GridWise Alliance, visit: [www.gridwise.org](http://www.gridwise.org).