



2016 Overview

Changing the way we design, build, and operate the grid

About GridWise Alliance

Since 2003, the Alliance has been at the forefront of educating legislators and regulators about the critical need to modernize our nation's electricity system.



Who We Are:

Broad and diverse stakeholders that design, build and operate the electric grid.

- Electric utilities
- Information and communications technology equipment and service providers
- National Laboratories
- Academic institutions
- Regional Transmission Operators (RTOs), Independent System Operators (ISOs), and more.

What We Do:

Connecting the best and brightest influencers committed to modernizing the grid.

- Influence federal policies and R&D priorities by informing key stakeholders
- Influence state initiatives and emerging policies by informing key stakeholders
- Influence development and investment decisions by informing key stakeholders
- Provide continued thought leadership and guidance on industry best practices

Membership Benefits

Sharpen your expertise...

- *Network* with leading industry peers, exchange best practices, and advance thought leadership

Position your organization for success...

- *Receive* timely member updates and policy summaries
- *Participate* in strategic fly-in stakeholder education sessions, hill briefings, and legislative meetings
- *Gain* intelligence on state's leading grid modernization practices

Influence our energy future...

- *Engage* with industry stakeholders at workshops and other events to shape the changing energy ecosystem

Access member services and engagement opportunities...

- *Join* issue-driven workshops and webinars
- *Receive* timely updates about policy developments and Alliance activities



Membership Structure

Type	Eligibility	Revenue Level	Dues Amount	Benefits
Full Membership	Any business entity or other commercial entity that operates within North America and is committed to the vision, mission and activities of The GridWise® Alliance. Designated representatives of Full Members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee, vote for Directors, join Work Groups/Project Teams, and to participate fully in Corporation Activities.	<\$10M in Annual Revenue \$10M to \$100M \$100 M to \$1B >\$1B in Annual Revenue Rural Electric Cooperatives	\$3,000.00 \$7,500.00 \$15,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$3,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors Eligibility • Voting Membership • Website access • Project Team/Working Group Participation • Member Newsletters • Policy Updates • Stakeholder Forums • Update Webinars
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2016-2017 Priorities

Policy:

- Federal energy legislation
- GWA key policy positions
- State policy engagement plan
- Education & outreach

Outreach:

- 4th Annual Grid Modernization Index (GMI)
- Thought leadership/GWA Speakers Bureau
- Content to highlight leading practices
- Strategic partnerships with stakeholder groups

Technical:

- Topical Workshops, Forums, Webinars
- Whitepapers on emerging issues
- Engage with U.S. DOE Grid Modernization Initiative & Quadrennial Energy Review

Operations:

- Sustain membership engagement & growth
- Alliance branded collateral and strengthened communications channels
- Organizational governance

Policy Activities and Priorities



We *educate* policy makers, regulators, staff, and a variety of other stakeholders on the policies and regulations driving grid modernization.

We *advance discussion* related to policy issues including, but not limited to, grid resilience; investment; cybersecurity; preventing physical and other threats to electrical infrastructure; and; ensuring grid reliability is maintained while a range of new resources become integrated into the grid.

These discussions are supported by the following activities:

- *Coordination* with other stakeholder groups and participation in industry events (e.g., EEI, NCSL, NASEO, NARUC)
- *Monitoring* of appropriations, cybersecurity, and energy related legislation in the House and Senate
- *Engaging* members through frequent policy calls
- *Planning* Hill visits with members

Policy Activities and Priorities



Priority #1: Conduct Congressional outreach on pending energy legislation and on other grid modernization priorities. Support the U.S. House of Representatives' Grid Innovation Caucus to further facilitate education and outreach efforts.

Priority #2: Build on member expertise to expand “best practices” knowledge and appreciation across state and federal policy communities.

Priority #3: Determine the best ways in which to engage in grid modernization efforts in key states.

Priority #4: Provide input into various DOE activities and processes.

Priority #5: Weigh in on relevant FERC and EPA proceedings, as appropriate.

Priority #6: Focus on new rate structure designs and contribute to ensuring greater transparency exists behind these structures.

Recent Accomplishments



Launched the **3rd Grid Modernization Index (GMI)** Report in January 2016 in collaboration with Clean Edge

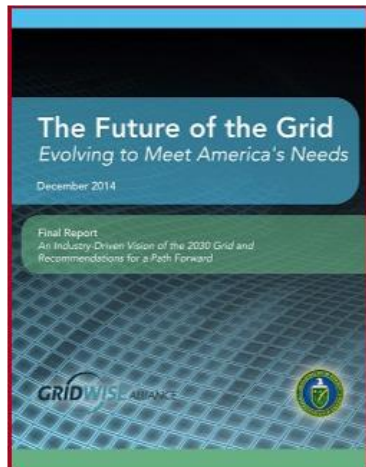
- GMI Ranks and analyzes all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia on three categories related to grid modernization

Established Congressional (House) **Grid Innovation Caucus**

Published **Future of the Grid Report** in December 2014 to culminate a 14 month partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy

- Project engaged nearly 500 industry stakeholders

Educated numerous stakeholders regarding proposed comprehensive energy legislation in the House and Senate



Channels of Engagement



- Stay up-to-date on Alliance activities and industry happenings through our monthly news update – *A Minute with the Alliance*
- Share *industry best practices* and *lessons learned* with fellow Alliance members through featured webinars focused initially on the integration of distributed energy resources
- Join Alliance members and industry stakeholders in Washington, D.C. on December 6-7 for our inaugural GridWise Annual Forum and Member’s Meeting

GridWise Alliance Members

