



ANNOUNCEMENT

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NYS Smart Grid Consortium members and other interested parties

As a member of the New York State Smart Grid Consortium, NYSTAR is pleased to invite you to a meeting on October 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to discuss and, if sufficient interest exists, strategically plan a collaborative application to the Department of Energy in response to their Funding Opportunity Announcement **DE – FOA – 0000152 (Recovery Act – Workforce Training for the Electric Power Sector)**. The meeting will be held in the 10th Floor Conference Room of the New York Power Authority, 30 South Pearl Street, Albany.

This initiative was discussed at last week's meeting of the NYS Smart Grid Consortium and NYSTAR was asked to convene a meeting of interested stakeholders.

A link of the announcement is provided above for your reference. Specifically, the FOA covers two broad topics; *Developing and Enhancing Workforce Training Programs for the Electric Power Sector* and *Smart Grid Workforce Training*.

Items for discussion include:

- Electric Power Industry current and future workforce needs;
- Higher Education Engineering Programs needs for Power Engineering and the Smart Grid;
- Technical Training needs of industry, utilities, ISO's and Generators; the important role of the Community Colleges
- Information technology, Communications protocols, Interoperability and the Cyber Security Needs of the Industry;
- Collaborative and Distance Learning Opportunities, regional differences and needs
- Timeline and assignments;

Further details will be forthcoming. Meantime, please RSVP to Meg Ebenhoch at mebenhoch@nystar.state.ny.us. Feel free to extend this invitation to others who have an interest in participating in this project. Your continued and constructive support, participation and feedback are greatly appreciated, thank you.

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