



Grid Modernization Initiative

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Why Grid Modernization?

The existing U.S. power system has served us well...
but our 21st Century economy needs a 21st Century grid.




Emerging Threats

A photograph of a city skyline at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the dark silhouettes of the buildings.

Renewables

A photograph of two workers in safety gear installing solar panels on a residential roof. The panels are laid out in a grid pattern on the shingles.

Extreme Events

A photograph showing the aftermath of a disaster, with a large pile of debris, including wooden planks and twisted metal, in the foreground. In the background, there are damaged buildings and utility poles.

New Services

A photograph of a silver SUV driving on a paved road. In the background, there are wind turbines and mountains under a clear blue sky.



Trends: Moving from the 20th Century to the 21st Century

The structure of the 20th century grid, however, cannot meet all the demands of the 21st century. Four key trends are driving this transformation:

A changing mix of types and characteristics of electric generation

Growing demands for a more resilient and reliable grid

Growing supply- and demand-side opportunities for customers to participate in electricity markets

The emergence of interconnected electricity information and control systems

An aging infrastructure

These forces challenge the capacity of the grid to provide us with the services we need, but they also provide us with the opportunity to transform our grid into a platform for greater prosperity, growth, and innovation.



Grid Modernization Vision

*The future grid provides a critical platform for U.S. prosperity, competitiveness, and innovation in a global clean energy economy. It must deliver **reliable, affordable, and clean electricity** to consumers where they want it, when they want it, how they want it.*

Achieve Public Policy Objectives

- 80% clean electricity by 2035
- State RPS and EEPS mandates
- Access to reliable, affordable electricity
- Climate adaptation and resilience

Sustain Economic Growth and Innovation

- New energy products and services
- Efficient markets
- Reduce barriers for new technologies
- Clean energy jobs

Mitigate Risks and Secure the Nation

- Extreme weather
- Cyber threats
- Physical attacks
- Natural disasters
- Fuel and supply diversity
- Aging infrastructure



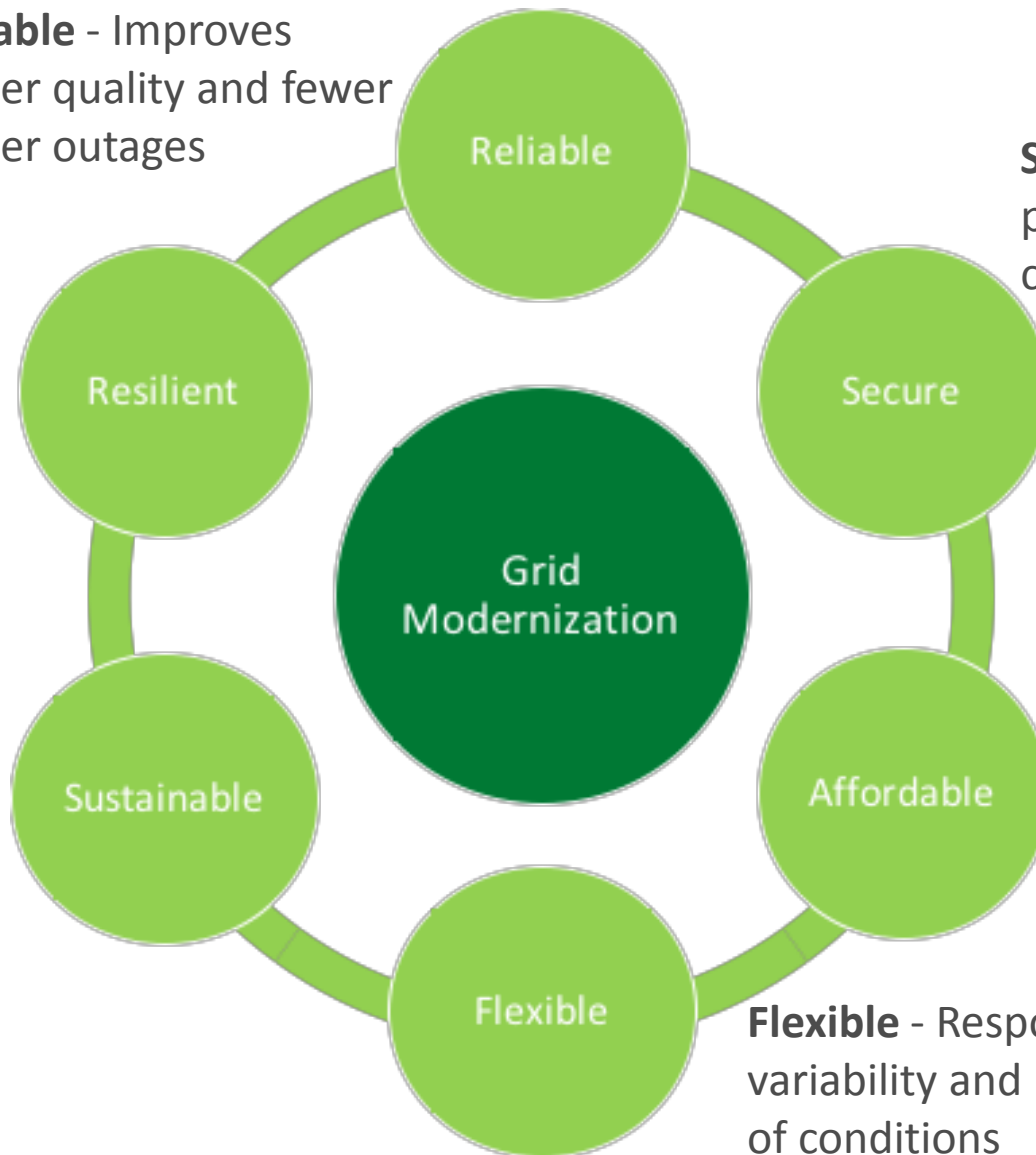
Key Attributes of a Modernized Grid

Reliable - Improves power quality and fewer power outages

Secure - Increases protection to our critical infrastructure

Resilient - Quick recovery from any situation or power outage

Sustainable - Facilitates broader deployment of clean generation and efficient end use technologies



Flexible - Responds to the variability and uncertainty of conditions

Affordable - Maintains reasonable costs to consumers.



GMI's Integrated Technical Thrusts

Technology Innovation

Institutional Support

- Provide tools and data that enable more informed decisions and reduce risks on key issues that influence the future of the electric grid/power sector

Design and Planning Tools

- Create grid planning tools that integrate transmission and distribution and system dynamics over a variety of time and spatial scales

System Operations, Power Flow, and Control

- Design and implement a new grid architecture that coordinates and controls millions of devices and integrates with energy management systems

Sensing and Measurements

- Advance low-cost sensors, analytics, and visualizations that enable 100% observability

Devices and Integrated System Testing

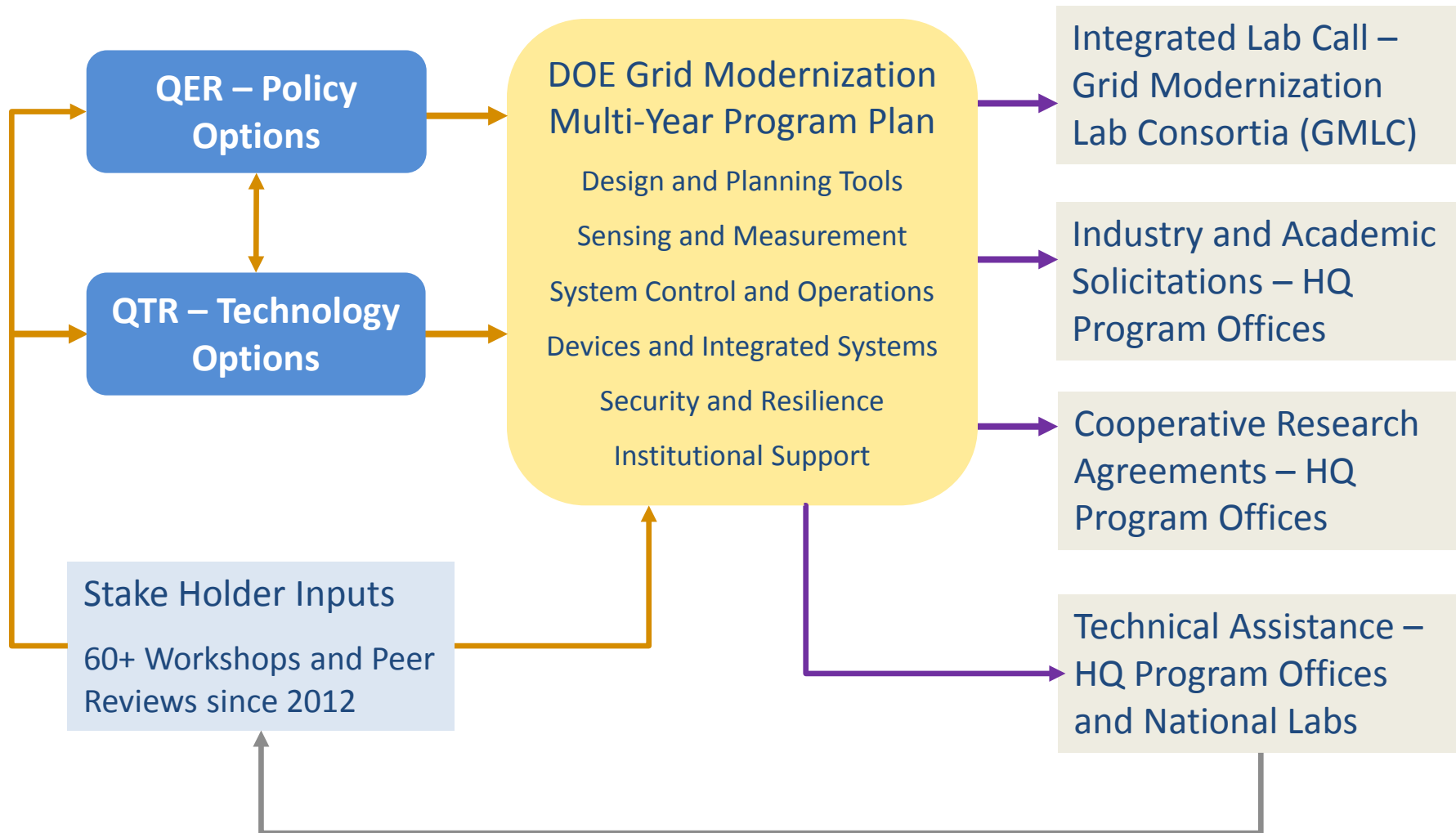
- Develop new devices to increase grid services and utilization and validate high levels of variable generation integrated systems at multiple scales

Security and Resilience

- Develop advanced security (cyber and physical) solutions and real-time incident response capabilities for emerging technologies and systems

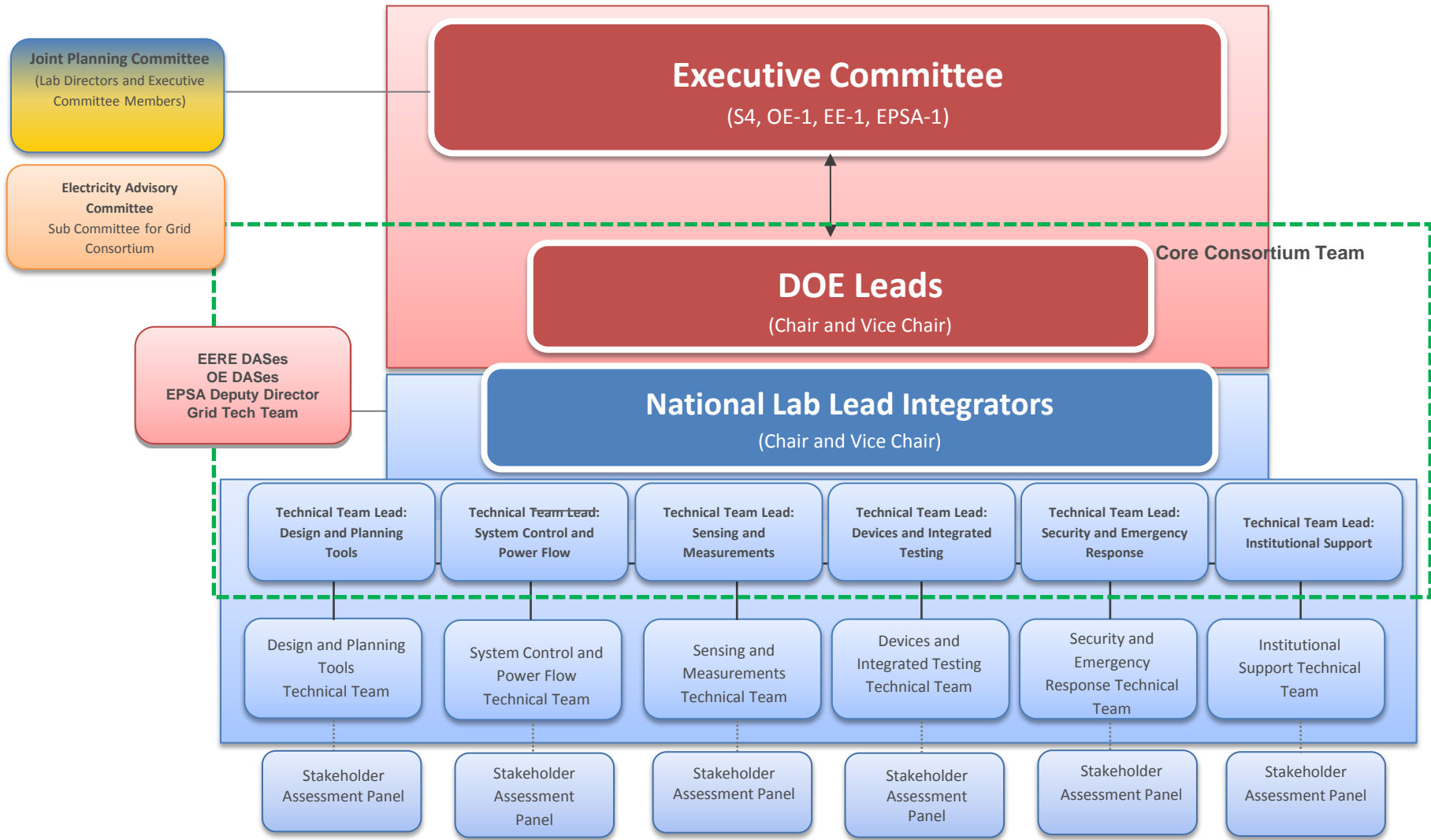


Connectivity to Other DOE Activities





Grid Modernization Laboratory Consortium





DOE Grid Modernization Lab Call

Topic Areas

- Foundational Analysis for GMLC Establishment/Framework
- Core Activities
- Pioneer Regional Partnerships
- Foundational Technical Areas





DOE Major Achievements—Demos

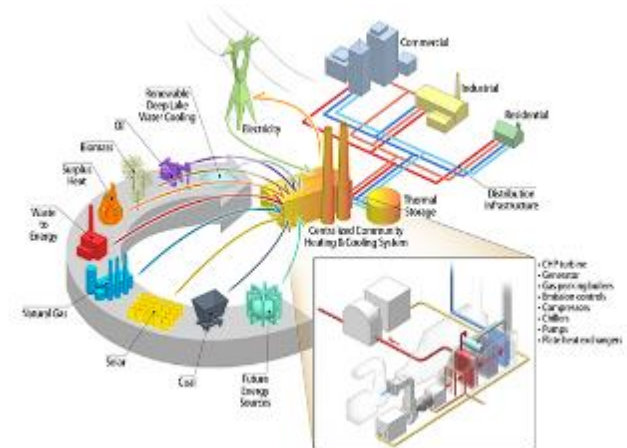
- **Major Achievement #1 – Lean Bulk Power Systems**
 - **Reliable:** Maintain reliable operations with a 10% transmission reserve margin or lower
 - **Affordable:** New operations capability for grid operators to safely run system closer to “edge” for increased asset utilization and to leverage distribution-level grid services will require less generation reserve
 - **Secure:** Incorporate advance physical and cyber security measures for the integration of large numbers of devices. Deploy predictive operations tools to detect and mitigate risk in real-time.
 - **Clean:** Real-time tools enhance wind resources with high transmission asset utilization and management of system dynamics. Leverage of demand reduces emission from standby generation.
 - **Resilient:** Reduce outages by order of magnitude with improved prediction, detection, and distributed controls





DOE Major Achievements (continued)

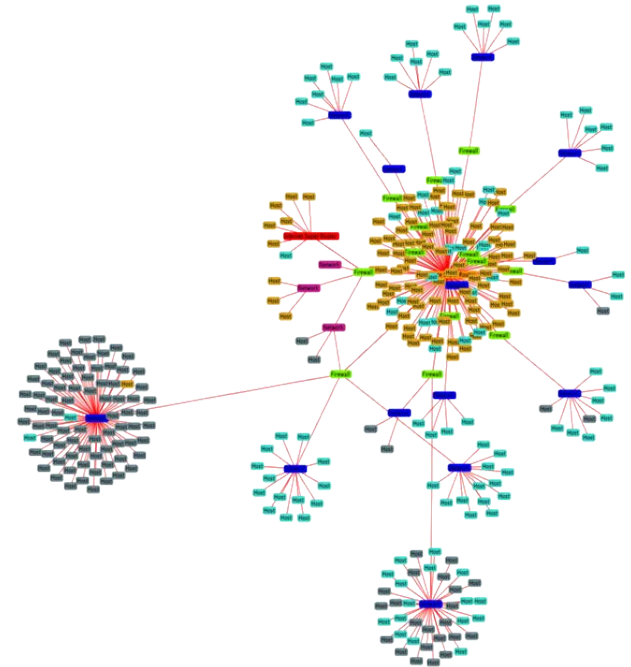
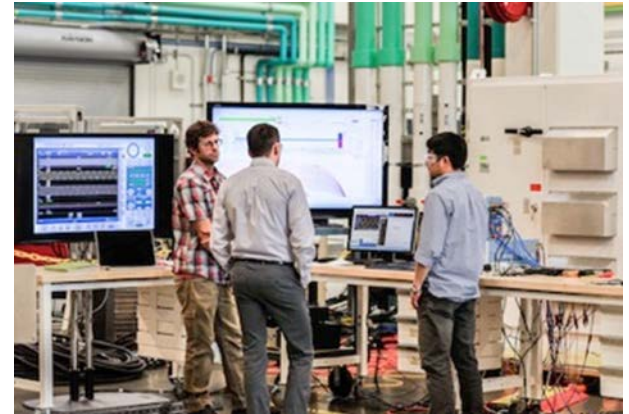
- **Major Achievement #2 – Clean Distribution Systems**
 - **Reliable & Resilient:** Coordinated microgrids control for resilience (e.g., 20% fewer outages, 50% shorter recovery time)
 - **Affordable:** Distributed, hierarchical control for clean energy and new customer-level innovation for asset utilization
 - **Secure:** Cyber resilient design of responsive loads and controls. Automation for outage detection and topology awareness for state estimation.
 - **Clean:** Demonstrate reliable and affordable feeder operations with greater than 50% DER penetration. Engage interactive efficiency concepts in buildings.





DOE Major Achievements (continued)

- **Major Achievement #3 – Grid Planning and Analytics**
 - **Reliable & Resilient:** Use coupled T&D grid planning models with 1000x speed-up to address specific grid issues
 - **Affordable:** Work with States to more rapidly evaluate new business models, impacts of policy decisions
 - **Secure:** Ensure high-level cybersecurity for all data-driven and operational models
 - **Clean:** Develop with stakeholders new data-driven approaches to DER valuation and market design





Requests of the EAC for FY16

- Comments on the MYPP
- Comments the FY16 Lab Call activities
- Participation in Technical workshops