



Exclusive Media Access to GridWise Global Forum Thought Leaders

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Roundtables Assemble the Forum's Top Minds for Media Q&A

November 3, 2011 – Washington, DC – The GridWise® Alliance, the leading coalition advocating for the transformation of the electric system, in partnership with the United States Department of Energy (DOE), invites the press to attend two media roundtables during the second annual GridWise Global Forum, November 9 and 10, in Washington, DC. Roundtables will feature the day's top national and international thought leaders who will answer media questions on topics ranging from consumer engagement to cybersecurity.

To register as media to attend the Forum, visit:

www.gridwiseglobalforum.org/media<http://www.gridwiseglobalforum.org>

All roundtable sessions are 30 minutes in length and will take place in the media room (Hemisphere Room B) at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Topics, times and participants are as follows:

Tackling Global Challenges: Securing our Energy Future Wednesday, November 9

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Participants: Philip Mezey, President and COO, Itron; Michele de Nigris, Chairman, International Smart Grids Action Network; Laurent Schmitt, Vice President, Smart Grid Solutions, Alstom Grid; Bob Shapard, CEO, Oncor, and Chairman, GridWise Alliance

Creating the Bond Between Technology and the Consumer Thursday November 10

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Participants: Sharon Allan, Senior Executive, Accenture Smart Grid Services; Guido Bartels, General Manager, Energy & Utilities Industry, IBM, and Chairman, Global Smart Grid Federation; Terry Effenev, CEO, ENERGEX Limited; Mike Niggli, President and COO, San Diego Gas & Electric; Joe Rigby, Chairman, President, CEO, Pepco Holdings, Inc.

For more information about the daily media roundtables and the GridWise Global Forum, visit www.gridwiseglobalforum.org.