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Bringing Together Smart Grid Development, Deployment and Opportunity

The definitive Web site for Smart Grid
products and services development,
innovation and deployment

Delivering:

- Breaking News
- Feature Articles
- Event Coverage and Highlights
- Prominent Blogs
- Case Studies
- In-Depth Analysis
- White Papers and Podcasts
- Smart Grid Resources and More

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Today's Developments for Smarter Future Power Consumption

Building out the Smart Grid is the single most significant national infrastructure project since the buildout of the Internet itself. In many ways, it's about bringing the same type of communications and control capabilities enabled by the Internet to all components of, what is recognized as, the largest, most distributed and complex machine: the National Grid.

Besides the low-hanging fruits of increased grid reliability, security and cost savings, the grid can enable a host of applications which will fundamentally change the energy economy and our path to a sustainable future.

Just as the power grids took decades to develop, these changes won't happen overnight. So the vast potential for Smart Grid enabling devices, network infrastructure and game-changing applications is only limited by the imagination of innovators and pioneers in making the Smart Grid vision a reality.

This resource carries the latest news and insights about Smart Grid products and services, particularly the connection into smart homes, businesses and institutions.

Smart-grid.tmcnet.com

will offer daily news and expert analysis of new:

- Smart Grid product and application developments
- alliances and competitive strategies
- security
- financial deals
- industry trends
- government regulation and stimulus spending
- commentary and more.

In-depth Coverage: Companies Leading the Way to Maximizing Smart Grids

The Smart Grid portal highlights the innovators whose 2-way communication enabling devices, platforms and applications are improving energy consumption.

Smart-grid.tmcnet.com covers break-through developments on the usage end of Smart Grids, whether customers are residential, commercial or public sector. This portal also provides insights about the progress marketplace leaders are making and the ecosystem of companies joining forces.

The screenshot displays the Smart-grid.tmcnet.com website. The header includes the site logo and navigation links. A prominent banner at the top right promotes a "FREE WEBINAR" titled "MPLS with Voice + Security - Planning for the Future and Taking Your Network to the Next Generation of Cloud-based Communications" scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at 2:00pm ET / 11:00am PT. The main content area features a large article titled "ComEd Could Receive \$5 Million in ARRA Funding for Smart Grid Solar Pilot" with a sub-headline "Smart Grid". Below this, there are sections for "BREAKING NEWS", "TOP 10", and "POPULAR". The right sidebar contains a "FREE WEBINAR" registration box, a "SUBSCRIBE TO FREE eNEWSLETTER" link, and a section for "All-in-one research reports". The bottom of the page includes a "FREE MAGAZINES" section and a "RSS FEEDS" section.

Here are the opportunities available on Smart-grid.tmcnet.com

Global Online Communities (GOCs)

Your custom-designed community on the Smart Grid site, labeled with your select keywords, focuses on your specific market segment and carries only your online ads. These robust editorial platforms are built with layers of information in multiple media formats. It is populated with exclusive content, attracting influential readers. GOCs are vibrant communities that, in a short time, achieve very high – even top – rankings on leading search engines. Based on the tight focus of content and value of their resources, GOCs are routinely bookmarked by decision makers looking for news, product information, and partnership opportunities.

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Channels

Become a search engine powerhouse! You virtually “own” optimized keywords to bring qualified prospects from major search engines to your fully customized page. A Channel is a powerful instrument to develop a community for professionals seeking focused, relevant news while it brings information about your company’s products and solutions. Your Channel is capped with your leaderboard ad and only your marketing messages appear.

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Space advertising on Smart-grid.tmcnet.com

Grab the attention of thousands of visitors with Leaderboard, Skyscraper, Banner, Button, Page Curl, Ad Box and Splash Page ads. (See pages 8 & 9)

Webinars

Host a Live Web Event. Receive actionable, highly qualified leads from pre-registration, live event attendees, and post-event visitors who download the presentation from archives. TMC provides experienced support every step of the way with this turn-key marketing tool to ensure your success. (See page 10)

White Paper Program

Post your white papers on Smart-grid.tmcnet.com and receive a steady flow of top quality leads. Not only will this enhance your company’s reputation as a solution provider, it will also build brand awareness and generate leads at the time when a purchase is being considered.

Podcasts

Tell your marketing story to your best prospects and customers when it’s convenient for them to listen. Podcasts provide your relevant information to a captive audience seeking smart product technology ideas and solutions.

eNewsletters

Deliver your marketing message in a respected editorial vehicle with an extensive reach.

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POWERFUL

Company Size for TMCnet Vistors:

\$1 Billion+ 24.4%

\$500M - \$999M 9.6% \$10M - \$99M 16.4%

\$100M - \$499M 9.2% Up to \$10M 40%



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The Marketplace for Smart-grid.tmcnet.com

The potential market for devices, services and applications harnessing Smart Grids is enormous and is still in its infancy. Professionals involved from the concept stage throughout the Smart Grid product/service/application lifecycle to energy suppliers and utilities stand to benefit from the portal's resources.

Visitors will see the results of innovation and collaboration. While the Smart Grid product landscape evolves and grows, visitors will gain an in-depth understanding of who are the dominant players and partners, in addition to up-and-comers. Smart Grid enablers will learn more about opportunities on the horizon ... and missteps to avoid.

As enterprise, SMBs, organizations and consumers learn of smart energy-saving devices, applications and services, they will seek additional, detailed information to make purchase decisions. Since these purchase decisions can require multiple parties' involvement over a span of time, decision makers will turn to the Smart Grid portal frequently – even daily – as a trusted news provider.

Your Company's Visibility on Smart Grid Gives You a Marketplace Advantage

By having your marketing messages and logos in the Smart Grid portal's rich editorial environment, your company is viewed as a thought leader. Being associated with a leading-edge portal conveys that your company is enabling the provision of a valuable news service. You will extend your reach to thousands of decision makers across a span of industries, bringing you many opportunities to establish contacts.

Repeat visibility on Smart Grid enhances your credibility simply through familiarity. There are a number of means for enhancing your brand strength, telling your company's story, and otherwise illustrating your company's competitive advantages.

Robust Traffic and Steady Growth

October 2009

Page Views582,256

Unique Visitors183,676

September 2009

Page Views379,292

Unique Visitors96,635

August 2009

Page Views319,886

Unique Visitors81,169

The Audience for Smart-grid.tmcnet.com

In addition to analysts, venture capitalists and investors, the Smart Grid portal serves:

- C-level execs in management and technology enabling smart homes, buildings and facilities
- product managers
- business development executives
- technology strategy directors
- product design engineers
- software and platform engineers
- application developers

Collaboration by Technology Authorities

Smart-Grid.tmcnet.com is a joint effort of TMC and Intelligent Communications Partners, offering experience in providing educational media, analysis and resources in technology.

Intelligent Communications Partners (ICP) is a strategic advisory consultancy focused on the emerging **Smart Grid** opportunity. The consultancy was co-founded by veteran communications entrepreneurs, Shidan Gouran and Jon Arnold. Shidan is a serial entrepreneur whose current venture, Home Jinni Inc., is developing a solution for home media management and media content distribution. His past accomplishments include founding an award-winning PBX company, developing a popular DRM solution and founding a provisional Canadian CLEC.

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Global Online Community

This news-driven site acts as a powerful, seamless extension of your Website. Tabbed at the top of every page on the Smart Grid portal and TMCnet, each Global Online Community carries your marketing messages around a continually updated stream of relevant industry news. About 16 weekly Featured Articles highlight your company's news.

Global Online Communities™ (GOCs) are robust news platforms, built with layer upon layer of content in multiple media formats. Your GOC focuses on your specified market area, and is populated and designed in conjunction with TMC's expert team of Web designers and editors.

Within a brief time, your vibrant community can achieve top rankings on leading search engines' results pages (SERPs). This is vital since 39% of searchers believe that companies with top organic rankings are leaders in their fields, and 68% of searchers click on a result within the first page of results.

Based on the tight focus of its content and resources, your GOC is tabbed with your exclusive keyword term, and bookmarked by decision makers who join these communities seeking solutions, including specific product and service information and partnership opportunities. Some GOCs garner as many as 250,000 unique monthly visitors.

All GOCs are highlighted on every page on TMCnet, appearing in the top tabs – including the TMCnet home page. This creates millions of impressions every month.

GOC features

- Introductory paragraph describing your company and explaining the purpose of the community
- Dedicated News Feed - Improves SEO and prompts bookmarking
- Video Player - Post interviews, product demos, relevant news feeds
- Your own company blog to communicate important news, announcements, product releases and partnerships
- Product Showcase area
- 60+ Featured Articles per month drive SEO, even in long-tail searches
- Partner Spotlight area
- Calls to Action (for lead generation)
- Dedicated Bi-weekly eNewsletter
- Links to important sections of your own corporate website
- Site is constantly surrounded by your corporate banner ads and messaging

Channel

A Channel is a single page on the Smart Grid portal carrying a company overview, featured articles, industry news, and your ads. It serves as a powerful extension of your Web site, mirroring its look and feel.

Channel sponsors become virtual “owners” of the keywords that label them. Channels obtain high organic search engine ranking due to the reach of the Smart Grid portal and TMCnet as well as the voluminous, yet focused information flowing through them. Up to two exclusive articles posted each week to every Channel, in addition to continually updated news, support the strength of their keywords and draw visitors.

Channel Program

Build a Community Around Your Keyword

The Smart Grid portal Channels Program creates a customized site for your company. You virtually “own” the keyword to it. Your Channel is positioned on the Smart-grid.tmcnet.com home page and directly accessible from all pages on our portal. The leaderboard and skyscraper ads on your Channel page are exclusively yours.

When you sign up as a Channel partner, your Channel achieves prominent – often even top – placement on leading search engines. Your Channel acts as an exclusive portal to communicate your marketing messages in a highly credible, respected, up-to-date editorial format. The Smart Grid site’s veteran editors post up to two feature articles weekly to deliver fresh, exclusive content about your company and its offerings.

This powerful vehicle, a customized microsite for your company, can include:

- Daily Industry News and Weekly Featured Articles
- Your Company Overview and Mission Statement
- White Papers and Podcasts
- Customer Case Studies
- Product Demos
- Training Opportunities
- Catalogs and Brochures
- Lead Capture Forms and Calls to Action
- Links to your Company Web site

TMC’s expert marketing, design and editorial teams have created over one hundred successful online Channels, delivering relevant editorial and marketing messages for clients in an array of markets. Consider how we can put our reach and expertise to work for you.



Leaderboard

728x90 px
72 dpi, 50k max
Acceptable Files:
.gif, .jpg, .swf,
.png, l-frame

Skyscraper

125x600 px
72 dpi, 70k max
Acceptable Files:
.gif, .jpg, .swf,
.png, l-frame

Ad Box

336x280 px
72 dpi, 30k max
Acceptable Files:
.gif, .jpg, .swf,
.png, l-frame

The screenshot shows the Smart Grid website with several advertising units highlighted by arrows:

- Leaderboard:** Located at the top of the page, featuring the Smart Grid logo and a MegaPath banner for a free webinar on MPLS with Voice + Security.
- Skyscraper:** Located on the left side of the page, featuring a large image of power lines and a text overlay that reads "ComEd Could Receive \$5 Million in ARRA Funding for Smart Grid Solar Pilot".
- Ad Box:** Located in the bottom right corner, featuring a MegaPath banner for a free webinar on MPLS with Voice + Security.

The website also includes sections for Online Communities, Smart Grid Featured Articles, Smart Grid Summit, and Smart Grid Blogs.

Most advertising units can be customized to “expand and contract” giving your advertising message greater presence and the ability to highlight more pertinent information.

Page Curl

Smart Grid's Page Curl is an eye-catching advertisement.

The top right corner of the Web page reveals a teaser of your ad to prompt the reader to mouse over. This will cause the page to unfold to reveal the full ad message.

Benefits:

- Eye-catching ad
- Seen on every page

Page Curl

640x480 pixels

Live area is smaller

72 dpi, 75k max

Acceptable files: .gif, .jpg,

.png, Rich Media Enabled



Splash Page

Smart Grid's Splash Page is a standalone Web page dedicated solely to the advertiser.

The splash advertisement is designed to capture the user's attention for a short period of time.

On Smart Grid the splash page appears randomly, between pages of content, when the visitor is browsing the site. The splash page will appear once a day for each visitor.

Benefits:

- No clutter or competition, the advertiser owns the page.
- Has the ability to animate the advertisement to create excitement and increase click throughs.
- Create a complex advertising message.

Splash

640x375 pixels

72 dpi, 60k max

Acceptable files: .gif, .jpg,

.swf, .png, 1-frame



Smart Grid Webinars Program

A Highly Successful Lead Generator

Our Experienced Team Makes It Seamless

We make it easy for you to reach customers and impress your best prospects with a Webinar. Your live Web event is completely turn-key. Every step of the process is managed with the utmost professionalism.

Pre-Event: TMC's expert team handles all the marketing, promotion and registration. A veteran TMC editor is available to serve as moderator and help you develop content.

During the Event: We provide the technology, utilizing the most effective conferencing software platform. We also offer a Smart Grid editor to serve as a moderator.

Post-Event: No detail is overlooked in the crucial wrap-up. We collect and forward actionable leads. We continue to promote the event online, and often in TMC magazines as well. The event is available in our Webinar Archive on TMCnet long afterward.

Live Web Events are typically one hour long. We also offer 90-minute events, since the Q & A period often prompts lively interaction. Your event will deliver your message via streaming audio or telephone. A Power Point presentation provides accompanying visuals, making a content-rich learning experience.

Events are interactive. An experienced moderator makes the most of everyone's time, keeping the presentation on track. Then the moderator passes along questions of the featured speaker(s). Attendees are fully engaged in this Q & A session.

Brand Recognition and Lead Generation

Turn-Key Events

- Reach Qualified Decision Makers
- Premium Quality Lead Generation
- Connect with Customers
- Increase Product Awareness
- Multi-Channel Marketing Program
- Position Your Company as A Leader

eNewsletters

TMC's product-focused eNewsletters deliver your marketing message in a highly credible editorial environment. Targeted, editorial-rich e-mail newsletters are delivered daily, weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. They are subscribed to on a strictly opt-in basis.

These achieve a vast reach among thousands of technology decision makers. TMC's eNewsletters focus on an array of topics covering numerous facets of communications and technology. Becoming a sponsor of an eNewsletter positions your company as a thought leader and reinforces your branding.

Grab market share in the nascent smart technology marketplace.

Use the editorial expertise, marketing experience, design skills and SEO expertise of the team behind Smart-grid.tmcnet.com.

Please contact me today to discuss how we can put our proven means to connect with marketplace decision makers to use for your company. I look forward to our mutual success.

Karl Sundstrom

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Tom Keating, CTO of TMC and Executive Technology Editor for TMC Labs, has over 10 years of experience within the communications industry. In fact, Tom helped to launch the industry's first magazine covering the VoIP industry and wrote the first product review of a VoIP product from VocalTec. When he isn't testing communications, wireless, and call center products, he writes quite copiously for his renowned blog: <http://blog.tmcnet.com/blog/tom-keating/>.

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Erik Linask oversees the editorial content and direction of TMC's online and print vehicles. He was previously Group Managing Editor. Prior to joining TMC, Erik began his career at management consulting firm Leadership Research Institute.

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TMCnet is a Who's Who of industry leaders and rising stars.

Hundreds of companies already profit from TMCnet's dominant industry reach.

