

## Press Release

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The Australian government has just released \$100m Smart Grid tender. Gain the latest updates from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts of Australia at the Smart Grids conference.

According to preliminary studies by the Federal Government, smart grid technologies are predicted to deliver up to \$5 billion in benefits annually, stemming from improvements in the power industry, reduced greenhouse gases and improved power grid reliability.

Just like Australia, governments in Asia, including Singapore, are starting to explore smart grid technology, while being cautious over security risks associated with new infrastructure.

The **SMART GRIDS 2009 conference** is part of the **Singapore Government's International Energy Week** – a platform for international and regional policy makers, and industry players to discuss pertinent energy issues and strategies affecting the world today. Following the APEC summit, the Singapore International Energy Week will convene from the 16-20 November 2009. This year, the spotlight is on **Clean Energy: Sustainable Solutions for Urban Cities**.

The **SMART GRIDS 2009** conference will cover the latest in Smart Grid Development with industry's most leading edge professionals present at the event, from the **USA, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, Australia, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, China, India, and Singapore** and others through our presenters including:

- Lawrence Wong, Chief Executive, **Energy Market Authority (EMA) Singapore**
- George Arnold, National Coordinator for Smart Grid Interoperability, **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce, USA**
- Dr. Manuel Sanchez-Jimenez, Policy Officer, **European Commission**
- Graeme Marshall, Director, Smart Grid Initiative, **Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Australia**
- Han Jin-hyun, Director General for Energy Industry Policy, **Ministry of Knowledge Economy, Korea**
- Duncan Botting, Chair, **Scottish-European Green Energy Center, UK**
- ML Chan, Executive Director – Smart Grids, **Joint US-China Cooperation on Clean Energy (JUCCEE), China**
- Todd Arnold, Senior VP Smart Grid & Customer Systems, **Duke Energy, USA**
- David Mohler, Chief Technology Officer, **Duke Energy, USA**
- John Baker, Chief Strategy Officer, **Austin Energy, USA**
- Livio Gallo, COO Infrastructure & Networks Division, **Enel Italy**.

Catered for senior level decision makers from utilities, energy, governments, power and technology, the conference will bring forth insights, knowledge exchange and interactive panel discussions on:

- Initiatives and directions for intelligent networks in the region
- Insight to the impact of global smart grid policy and standards
- Leading international smart grid deployment from utilities and policy makers from USA, Europe, Australia and Asia
- Smart grid deployment for the region with key Asian governmental representatives
- Roadmap towards attaining a more intelligent and reliable network

- Microgrids as a potential business opportunity for power producers in Asia.

For more information on Smart Grids 2009, please click our website: [www.smartgridssummit.com](http://www.smartgridssummit.com)

For more information on Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW), please visit <http://singapore.iew.com.sg>

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***About the Singapore International Energy Week***

The annual Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) is a leading energy conference that provides a platform for policymakers, business leaders and academics to exchange ideas, strategies and best practices that will help shape global and industry energy agendas. Jointly organized by the Energy Market Authority (EMA) and the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) from 16 to 20 November 2009, SIEW features a comprehensive schedule of clean energy-focused conferences, exhibitions and networking sessions from a diverse cross-section of energy industry leaders. More information about SIEW is available at <http://singapore.iew.com.sg/>.

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