

## **GMLC Accomplishments and Future Directions**

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## **Grid Modernization FY15 to Present**

- Inaugural DOE Grid Modernization MYPP
- GMLC Project Portfolio (\$88M / FY16)
  - 6 foundational research projects
  - □ 13 cross-cutting projects
  - 10 strategic regional partnerships
- GMI Program Specific Portfolio (\$132M / FY16)
- 100+ Partners (Utilities, Vendors, Academia and states)
- Six Regional Workshops
- ► 2017 Peer Review
- FY17 Resilient Distribution Systems Awards (\$32M)
- Completing 10 Strategic Regional Partnerships

#### 2015



Grid Modernization Multi-Year Program Plan 2017





## **Themes of Updated MYPP (under construction)**

## Emerging Themes

- Resilience spanning current grid paradigm and emerging cyber and high DER challenges
- Interdependence of energy systems
- Advanced control and architecture paradigms
- □ Advanced "all hazards" analytics
- Sensors and smart controllers for flexibility and resilience
- High performance planning tools to position for future complexities
- Will reflect expanded DOE Grid Modernization Initiative Charter



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## **Devices and Integrated Systems**

### Characterization and testing of energy technologies for providing grid services to improve system affordability, reliability and sustainability

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Develop new grid interface devices to increase ability to provide grid services and utilization
- Coordinate and support the development of interconnection and interoperability test procedures for provision of grid services
- Validate secure and reliability grid operation with high levels of variable generation at multiple scales

- Common approach across labs and industry test-beds for effective validation of emerging technologies
- Develop common interoperability and interconnection standards and test procedures for industry / vendor community





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## **Sensing and Measurement**

# Sensor development and validation strategies to provide complete grid system visibility for resilience and prediction

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Advance and integrate novel, low-cost sensors to provide system visibility
- Incorporate new data streams (e.g. weather
- Develop real-time data management and data exchange frameworks that enable analytics to improve prediction and reduce uncertainty
- Develop next-generation sensors that are accurate through disturbances to enable closed-loop controls and improved system resilience

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## **System Operations and Control**

### Advanced real-time control technologies to enhance the reliability and asset utilization of transmission and distribution systems

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Deliver an architecture, algorithms, and control frameworks for a clean, resilient and secure grid
- Advanced operations software platform for predictive operations & real-time adaptive control
- New power flow control device hardware and concepts
- Advance fundamental knowledge for new control paradigms

#### **Federal Role**

- Convening authority to shape vision of advanced grid architecture
- Advance fundamental knowledge for new control paradigms for emerging grid to support industry transformation
- Deliver computational science, materials science & mathematics from National Laboratories to develop integrated faster-than-realtime software platforms and power electronics control schemes

#### **Conventional Controls**



#### **Distributed Controls**





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## **Design and Planning Tools**

### Drive next generation of planning and design tools to more accurately perform costbenefit trade-offs and improve grid reliability and resilience

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Software framework to couple grid transmission, distribution, and communications models to understand cross-domain effects
- Incorporate uncertainty and system dynamics into planning tools to accurately model renewables, extreme events, etc.
- Computational tools, methods, and libraries that enable 1000x improvements in performance for analysis and design

- Attack strategic gaps in tools capabilities
- Partner with industry to demonstrate value
- Work with vendors to transition R&D into practice





## **Security and Resilience**

# Providing a pathway to comprehensive multi-scale security and resilience for the nation's power grid

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Holistic grid security and resilience, from devices to micro-grids to systems
- Inherent security designed into components and systems, not security as an afterthought
- Security and resilience addressed throughout system lifecycle and covering the spectrum of legacy and emerging technologies

- Lead and establish security and resilience research programs to develop technology solutions and best practice guidance
- Improve adoption of security and resiliency practices, and provide technology-neutral guidance
- Inform stakeholders of emerging threats and help address threats appropriate for government response





## **Institutional Support**

# Enable regulators and utility/grid operators to make more informed decisions and reduce risks on key issues that influence the future of the electric grid/power sector

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Accelerated state & federal policy innovation due to enhanced State and Regional technical assistance
- States adopt changes to their regulatory model that better align utility interests with grid modernization and/or clean energy policy goals
- Methods for valuation of DER technologies and services are defined and clearly understood by stakeholders to enable informed decisions on grid investments and operations

- Provide independent, unbiased technical assistance (e.g., information and analysis tools) that address key grid-related policy, regulatory, and market issues
- Create an over-arching stream of grid-related "institutional" analysis, workshops, and dialogues to raise awareness of the need for grid modernization



