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# Solar Power Electronics Modular Integrated Node

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## Program Overview

- **Budget Period 1 (9/1/18-8/30/19)**
  - Requirements Development
  - Hardware Development
  - Analytics Development and Refinement
  - Univ. Of Kentucky System Simulations
    - Report on Benefits of SPIN on Household and Grid
- **Budget Period 2 (9/1/19-8/30/20)**
  - SPIN Hardware Integration and Test (Lab Equipment)
  - SPIN System Integration and Test (Hardware, Analytics, and User Interface)
- **Budget Period 3 (9/1/20-8/30/21)**
  - SPIN System Integration with PV Array and RESS
  - SPIN System Integration with Vehicle Battery/Vehicle
  - 6 month system demonstration at NTRC at Oak Ridge National Lab
- **Total Program Budget \$3.2M**

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## Program Team

- **Flex Power Control, Inc.**
- **LG Chem for RESS**
- **University of Kentucky**
- **Kitu Systems**
- **Oak Ridge National Labs (NTRC)**
- **FCA and EPRI for V2G Integration and Demonstration**

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## Program Objectives

The development of a Solar Power Electronics Modular Integrated Node Platform that optimizes the use of Solar Energy and enables Distributive Energy Resource Management

- Develop low-cost highly-reliable SiC power electronics, leveraging automotive design topologies and supply base
- Development of advanced controls built on system awareness and communications
- Development of cloud-based analytics for optimized system control and energy utilization
- Local SPIN unit control provides: fast response and default operation in absence of the cloud analytics; arbitration between analytics recommended operation and actual conditions
- System prototype design to meet UL, IEEE, ISO/IEC, and SAE standards

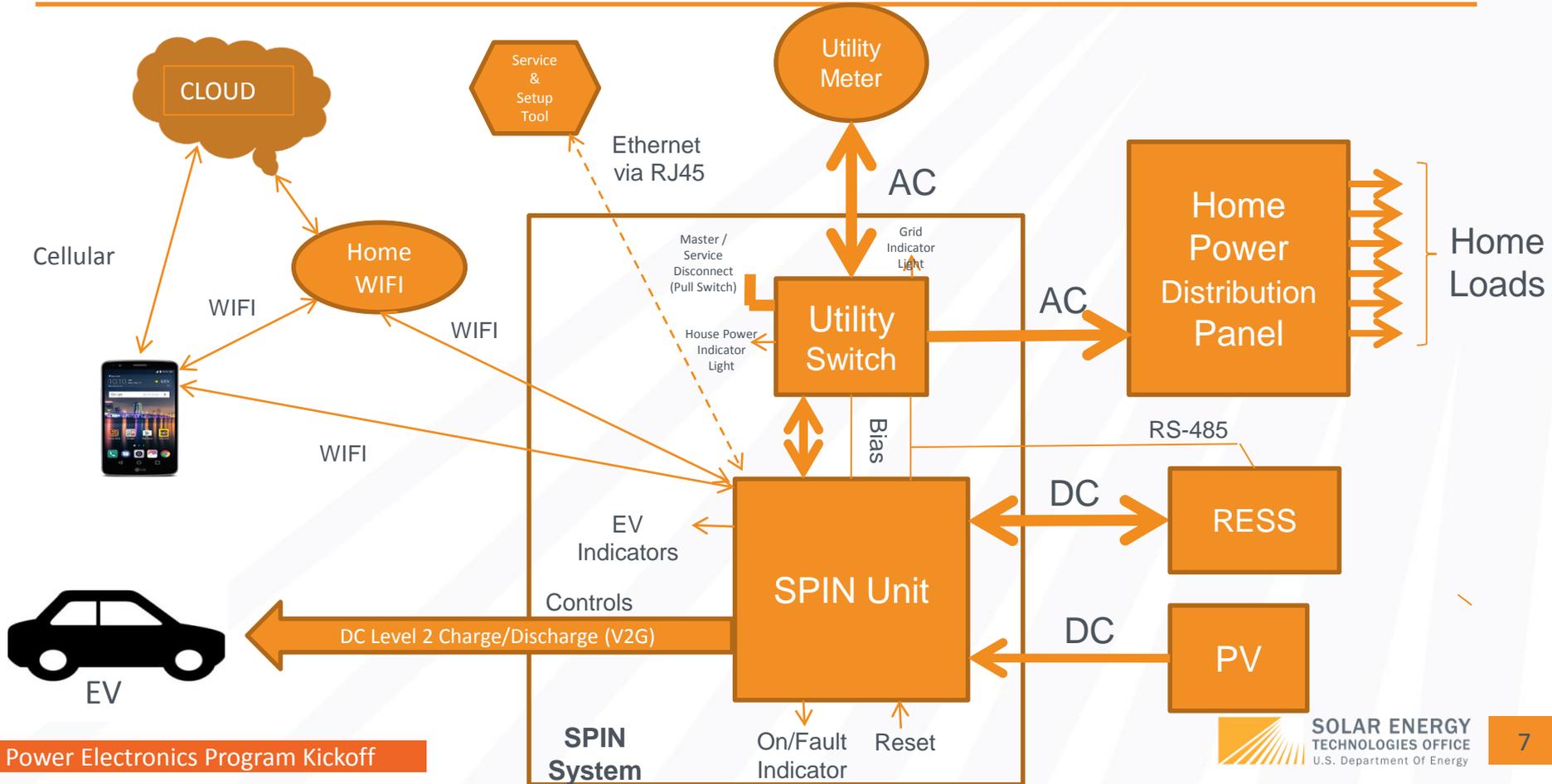
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## Expected Outcomes

- Deployable prototype SPIN unit with advanced power electronics demonstrating significantly improved reliability (greater than 2X existing products) and lower product cost (over a 50% reduction in cost compared to existing systems)
- Integrated solar/home energy system with real constituent DER technologies that operates autonomously through a fully developed data analytics database
- Proven product market fit with builders, homeowners, EV OEMs, utilities, aggregators, and government officials
- The optimal system based solution for real time distributive energy resource management and market based energy transactions

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## SPIN System Description

- **SPIN Unit employs reconfigurable power electronics for optimal deployment and minimal cost**
- **SPIN integrates PV, RESS, and Vehicle battery to manage home energy usage for optimal performance and cost of energy**
- **Provides DC Level 2 and V2G without modifying home panel**
- **Cloud based analytics provide optimized autonomous operation without the need for homeowner intervention**

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(\$K)	BP 1	BP 2	BP 3	Total
Labor	\$1,015	\$643	\$304	\$1,962
Material	\$933	\$170	\$135	\$1,238
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,948</b>	<b>\$813</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>\$3,201</b>
Cost Share	\$272	\$250	\$183	\$705
Federal	\$1,677	\$563	\$256	\$2,496