

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

The **Congressional Research and Development Caucus** would like to call your attention to the invitation you already should have received to a briefing sponsored by ASME and IEEE-USA entitled:

Modernizing the Electric Grid: A 'Smart' Way to Use Energy

Thursday, March 26, 2009 ~ Noon to 1:30pm ~ Lunch will be served
H-137 Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.
Please RSVP to Rasheedah Smith at SmithRJ@asme.org

Much discussion recently has focused on the need to update the U.S. electrical grid not only to accommodate our growing thirst for energy and possible technological innovations, but also to catalyze our struggling economy and encourage innovation. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided \$4.5 billion to the Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Reliability for modernization of the electric grid and Smart Grid projects. In addition to the rewards for this undertaking, what are the obstacles that could delay the implementation of the smart grid? The presentation will explore the present and possible future of the electrical grid as well as what necessitates this dramatic adjustment.

The distinguished speakers will be **Dr. Massoud Amin**, Director of the Center for the Development of Technological Leadership at the University of Minnesota, and **David A. Wollman**, Chief of the Quantum Electrical Metrology Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

We hope you will be able to attend this important presentation.

Sincerely,



Judy Biggert
R&D Caucus Co-Chair



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