

# SMART GRID INTEROPERABILITY PANEL (SGIP) ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO KEY STAFF POSITIONS

*Stuart McCafferty and Gabrielle Puccio strengthen new team led by Sharon Allan*

WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES, January 13, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Smart Grid Interoperability Panel ([SGIP](#)) President and CEO Sharon Allan announced today that Stuart McCafferty and Gabrielle Puccio have joined SGIP in key staff positions to support the Grid Modernization organization.

McCafferty is the new Vice President of Operations and Program Manager for SGIP technical projects, committees and working groups. Working directly with Allan and the Board of Director's Technical Committee Chair John Caskey, McCafferty will oversee and direct the technical execution.



McCafferty brings 30 years of experience in business strategy and leadership, program and project management, community disaster resilience, Grid Modernization technologies, system/enterprise architecture design, and standards development. He holds a BS degree from the U.S. Air Force

Academy and is a certified Project Management Professional from the Project Management Institute (PMI). McCafferty, an innovative business strategist, was awarded the PMI's Distinguished Project Award in 2013 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology initial phase of SGIP.

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*Sharon Allan, SGIP President & CEO*

Gabrielle Puccio joins SGIP as the Vice President of Public Relations directly reporting to Allan. Her primary responsibility is the facilitation and caretaking of the SGIP membership. She is also responsible for communications, events, branding, and media and public relations.

Puccio has over 20 years of experience in Corporate Communications, brand strategy, public relations, and customer relationship management in the utility, energy, and sustainability markets. She holds a BA in English from Montclair State University, attended the Duke Fuqua School of Business seminar,

“Leadership in ABB,” and is an alumna of Leadership Raleigh.

“SGIP success is dependent on an expert staff that directs and nurtures a vibrant member community,” said Allan. “Together with our member leadership, SGIP will focus on securely driving innovation through standards, achieving interoperability of system components, educating stakeholders, and advancing and accelerating Grid Modernization.”

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#### About the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel

The Smart Grid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) is a public-private non-profit collaborative working to identify requirements for interoperability and technical standards. SGIP members work together to accelerate interoperability, testing and certification so that efficient, secure electrical power can reliably maintain and increase standards of living around the world. Members also have privileged access to the collected knowledge and expertise of all the domains in the Grid Modernization ecosystem.

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