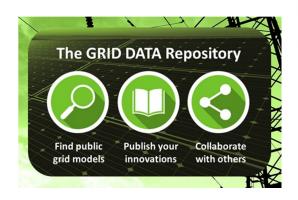# First Quarter 2017 - News & Updates
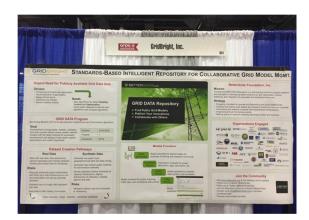
Newsletter for the GRID DATA Repository and BetterGrids Foundation, Inc. (www.bettergrids.org).

Ready to Launch!

Phase 1 of the Repository development has been completed, and ARPA-E finished its testing in January. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is currently in progress with community volunteers.

Please contact us at BetterGrids.org if you are interested in participating in our Beta launch program starting in April 2017.
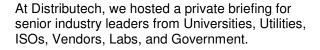

Industry Activities

In January, we participated in both the ARPA-E GRID DATA project annual review and Distributech in San Diego.

At the ARPA-E annual meeting, we presented status, held a poster session, and demonstrated the Repository. We were pleased to hear that all the GRID DATA projects are making good progress.

All presentations are posted at ARPA-E.

At Distributech, we hosted a private briefing for senior industry leaders from Universities, Utilities, ISOs, Vendors, Labs, and Government.

Thank you to Open Systems International (OSI) for generously donating the room for the event!

Presentations are posted at BetterGrids.org.

BetterGrids Foundation, Inc.

On January 3rd, 2017 we formally registered BetterGrids Foundation, Inc. as a non-profit corporation in Delaware, to secure ongoing community led support for the Repository in a self-funding manner.

For more information, visit BetterGrids.org.

ENERGISE Project Curation

In progress towards making the Repository self-funding, we have been selected to provide 'Project Curation' services to three different ENERGISE research project teams chosen by the DOE SunShot program to help improve grid integration of solar.

For more information, see our press release.

Welcome to Our Student Volunteers

We are delighted that Jose Daniel Lara and Phillippe Phanivong from University of California, Berkeley joined us as volunteers. They are helping us with User Acceptance Testing, and will become Model Curators when the Repository is launched.

We are actively seeking community volunteers to help with Repository quality assurance and model curation.

To volunteer, contact us at BetterGrids.org.

Stay Current

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