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**GRIDWISE ALLIANCE AND CLEAN EDGE JOIN FORCES TO HOST GRID
MODERNIZATION EVENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Washington, D.C., July 17, 2017 – The GridWise Alliance and Clean Edge, Inc. today announced the formation of gridCONNEXT, a new industry event focused on bringing policy and business leaders together to build the next-generation grid. Scheduled for December 4-6 in Washington, D.C., the event will offer an unparalleled opportunity for utilities, policymakers, regulators, investors, businesses, service providers, end-users, and other stakeholders to explore policies and share best practices on building a modern 21st century grid. More information on the event can be found at www.gridconnext.com.

Premier partners supporting the launch of gridCONNEXT include CenterPoint Energy, Intel, and Itron.

“Our mission is to provide electric utility stakeholders from across the nation with an unprecedented venue to collaborate, share best practices, and create the future of the electric utility industry,” explains GridWise Alliance CEO Steve Hauser. “Attendees will hear from industry and policy experts via inspirational keynotes, insightful fireside chats, and expert-rich panel discussions as well as have the opportunity to participate in policy working groups, tour Capitol Hill, and join extensive networking sessions.”

“Massive shifts in business and policy models are dramatically reshaping the electric utility landscape,” says Clean Edge Managing Director Ron Pernick. “As we move toward higher penetration of utility-scale wind and solar resources, along with increasing use of energy storage, electric vehicles, energy efficiency, and other distributed resources, it’s critical that businesses, utilities, and regulators come together to build consensus and forge common ground.”

gridCONNEXT will be held at The Washington Court Hotel, just blocks away from the U.S. Capitol. For more information on the event, to register, or to learn about partnership opportunities visit www.cleanedge.com, www.gridwise.org, or the event website at www.gridconnext.com.

About The GridWise Alliance

The GridWise Alliance represents the broad and diverse group of stakeholders that design, build, and operate the electric grid. Since 2003, GridWise and its members have been at the forefront of educating federal and state legislators and regulators on the critical need to modernize our nation’s electricity system to ensure continued economic growth and competitiveness and achieve system reliability, resilience, security, efficiency, sustainability, and affordability.

About Clean Edge

Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, offers a suite of indexes, reports, and advisory services devoted to the clean-energy economy. With offices in Portland, Oregon and the San Francisco Bay Area, Clean Edge serves corporate, government, NGO, utility, and financial clients working to transition to a low-carbon future. Products and services include [stock indexes](#) tracking U.S. and global clean energy, water, and grid infrastructure markets; [benchmarking reports](#) tracking states, metros, and utilities; and [events](#) that regularly convene hundreds of industry innovators and stakeholders.