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12 November 2021
- **SWICON 2021**
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Smart Grid Working Group Meeting

18 October 2021

People Attended: IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- To represent to Ministry of Power highlighting the challenges on the issuance of CEA guidelines on Cyber Security;
- CEA is likely to issue Model Contractual Clauses and Trusted Vendor Criteria Doc.

Action taken:

Representation for Ministry of Power is prepared.

Outcome:

Appointment was sought from Joint Secretary, Ministry of Power for discussing on the Industry concerns w.r.t. issuance of CEA guidelines and compliance of MoP, 8 June Order 2021.

Smart Grid Division Meeting

19 October 2021

People Attended: IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- State of the Industry, Activities of the Technical Committee
- Compliance issues & Industry concerns on the MoP, 8 June Order
- Support to the Team Leaders on various activities as a contributor
- To plan for an Awareness & Training program for Utilities on Cyber Security

Action taken:

Representation sent to Joint Secretary (IT), Ministry of Power on the Industry concerns basis the CEA guidelines on cyber security

Outcome:

Appointment is provided to IEEMA for 28 October 2021.

Meeting with Joint Secretary (Distribution), Ministry of Power

20 October 2021

People Attended: Mr Vishal Kapoor, JS, MoP; IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- IEEMA reassured MoP that by December 2023,

the supply of 10 Cr Smart Meters can be met by the Domestic Industry

- Only few industry players will play the role of AMISP in Totex mode
- IEEMA and CEA to work closely on all possible scenarios to define the local content of Smart Meters

Action taken:

- Format is being prepared in defining the local content of smart meters.

Outcome:

- IEEMA/Industry should partner with Ministry of power in awareness campaign, advertisement of the benefits of smart meters to engage with the consumers.

Meeting with Secretary (Power), Ministry of Power on the issues related to testing of smart meters

20 October 2021

People Attended: Mr Sanjay Malhotra (CMD, REC), Mr Nand Kumar (DG, CPRI); Mr Vishal Kapoor (JS, MoP); Mr S K G. Rahate (AS, MoP) and Mr R Lakhshamanan (ED, REC); IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- Acceptance test on smart meters to be completed in a time bound manner to support the roll out of 25 Cr smart meters
- For pluggable communication module, it was discussed that same shall be applicable after 1 December 2023; while participating in tenders, manufacturers should have type test certificate available not older than 3 to 5 years, for Routine/Acceptance test sample size is to be reduced.

Action taken:

Format is prepared and circulated for inviting inputs from members in defining the local content of smart meters.

Outcome:

- CPRI was advised to increase their acceptance test facilities in other locations (Raipur, Kolkata, Noida)
- Provision of accepting private labs ETDC and ERTL having NABL accreditation was also discussed
- For Routine/Acceptance test sample size is to be reduced

Industry interaction regarding SCADA/DMS RFP under RDSS, (Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme)

21 October 2021

People Attended: Mr Saurav Kumar Shah (ED, PFC); IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- PFC has prepared a draft SBD including Model Technical Specification for implementation of the SCADA system.

Action taken:

- Draft Circulated in IEEMA Smart Grid Division.

Outcome:

- Industry to review the draft SBD and provide comments to PFC.

Meeting with VJTI -TBI to discuss Start-up Conclave under IEEMA Industry Academia Connect

25 October 2021

People Attended: Dr Faruk Kazi, Dean – Research and Development & Consultancy, Professor and Head, Electrical Engineering Department, VJTI, Mumbai, Dr Roshan D Yedery, CEO, VJTI- Technology Business Incubator, IEEMA members & officials

Key points discussed:

- An opportunity for IEEMA Member companies to understand the nature of technology-based innovation/products and services being developed by start-ups in the country.
- An opportunity for start-ups to reach out to IEEMA Member companies who have rich experience and understanding of relevant markets and trends in manufacturing and related areas.
- Promote other collaborative efforts to understand the present 'Gaps in Technology' across the sectors, and the constraints to access or invest in the technologies (also an objective of IEEMA TISCO Committee).
- To focus on collaborative efforts to promote joint R&D with technology-based start-ups focusing on electrical, electronics and related sectors (also an objective of IEEMA TISCO Committee).

Action taken:

- VJTI-TBI and IEEMA proposed to co-organize a 'VJTI-TBI IEEMA Start-up Conclave' to support start-ups currently incubated at VJTI-TBI. The virtual start up conclave is tentatively planned in the month of December, 2021.
- VJTI-TBI had earlier signed an MoU with IEEMA in February 2020 with an objective to collaborate on activities focused on supporting the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem at VJTI-TBI.
- Considering the role IEEMA has played in shaping the electrical and electronics industry in India, understanding the role played by VJTI-TBI in promoting start-ups working in energy, clean tech, AI/ML, IoT, EV and cyber security which are aligned with technology sectors supported by IEEMA.

Outcome:

- IEEMA Member Companies attending the conclave can take mentorship for some of the start-ups with regards to the strategies for product development, market outreach, sales, business development, fund raising etc. VJTI-TBI shall facilitate early discussions between the company and start-up.
- IEEMA Member Companies will have opportunities to explore collaborations with start-ups for co-development of novel and innovative products creating a winning situation for all stakeholders involved.
- IEEMA or IEEMA Member Companies may explore holding Innovation meet in collaboration with VJTI-TBI to identify and solve 'Gaps in Technology' across the sectors through such innovation-based activities.
- IEEMA Member Companies attending the conclave may explore funding some of the start-ups as angel investors or through other channels of investment against equity or other instruments (CCD etc.) as per mutual discussions between the company and start-up.

10th Edition

 SWICON 2021
Virtual

November 16-18, 2021

International Conference on
SWITCHGEAR and CONTROLGEARS

The 2nd edition of DIGIELEC BHARAT - IEEMA's virtual exhibition showcasing the capabilities of IEEMA Members concluded on Tuesday 26 October 2021.

The theme of this edition was **Positioning India for the Global Marketplace**

Some key facts:

Exhibition spread over 7 days with

- 4,000+ visitors
- 2000+ attendees in the conference sessions
- 100+ Buyers representing Railways, EPC and Utilities
- 40+ exhibitors
- 50+ eminent speakers
- 7 conference sessions

Digielec Bharat was inaugurated by Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Amongst the luminaries who addressed the audience were Mrs Sumita, Dawra; Dr R A Mashelkar, Padma Vibhushan, Former DG, CSIR; Mr S K Mishra, Director, Solar Energy Corporation; Mr Mohit Bhargava, CEO, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd



Amongst the new initiatives was Digibazaar - an online marketplace where companies listed their products for sale or to generate bulk enquiries
Another new addition was Buyer Seller Meet with pre identified buyers representing Railways, EPC and Utilities.

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Interactive session on RDSO Innovations & Technologies: Promoting Vendor Development & Easing Supply Chain

Friday, 12th November 2021, 1600-1700 hrs.

Chief Guest

Shri Sanjiv Bhutani
Director General, RDSO

In Conversation with

Shri Kaushal Kodesia
Chairman, IEEMA Railway Business Division

&

Shri Manish Agarwal
Vice Chairman, IEEMA Railway Business Division