Intelligent Microgrid A Unique Opportunity for BCIT

Presentation to BCIT's Leadership Team

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The Opportunity for BCIT

 Provide unique training and research opportunities for faculty and students



 Industry support for education, research & advancing state-of-practice



- Attract major funding
- Commercial Services



The Challenge

- Critical services
- New technology
- Proprietary solutions
- Interoperability standards
- Field unproven



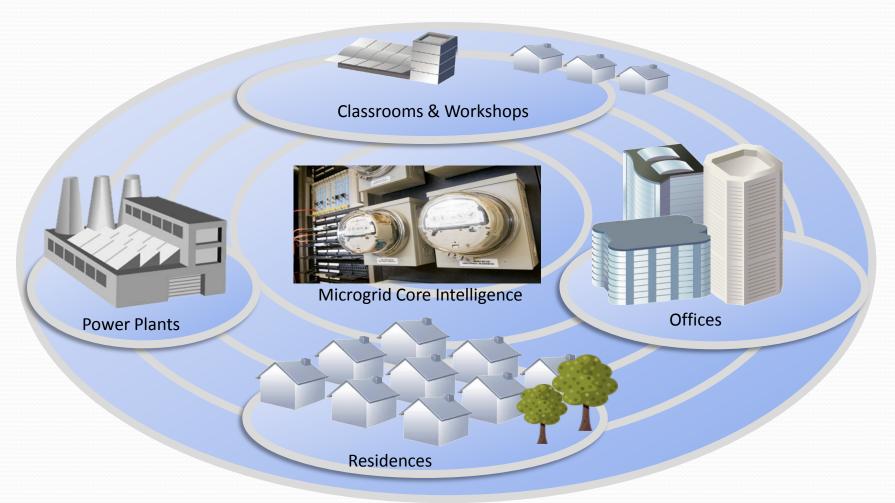
The Solution

- Near-real test bed
- Controlled
- Qualify Solutions
- Validate Standards



These require a Microgrid!

The Microgrid



BCIT — The perfect home for the Intelligent Microgrid

- Core Infrastructure:
 - Variety of Loads
 - PV Tower & New Co-Gen
 - AFRESH
 - IEL
- Multi-disciplinary skills:
 - Power & Instrumentation
 - Computer & Telecom
 - Building & Construction
 - Business & Management





- Secured \$2.69 Million from BC's ICE Fund
- Secured more than \$1 Million contribution from Industry
- Initiative sponsored by BC's utility companies

Student Interaction

- Provide 'Capstone Program' with various project opportunities within Intelligent Microgrid initiative
- Enrich student training and research experiences thru close collaboration with industry partners
- Provide BCIT students with learning opportunities thru joint research with other academic institutions (NSERC's Strategic Network Grant)
- Facilitate inter-disciplinary education (School of Construction, MEIP, CST, Health, etc) thru EMS development projects in the Afresh and/or Dorms.
 Example: Student Competition at BCIT Residences to reduce energy consumption in BCIT's dorms

Institute

- Reduced carbon footprint and reduced energy cost
- State-of-the-art educational opportunities for students
- Modern Energy Management System & Facilities
- Leadership position among Canadian post-secondary
- International recognition (Gridwise Alliance, ISTP)



The Team

- BCIT SoMEIP (Trevor Williams, Alex Rosenthal)
- BCIT SoCE (Wayne Stevens, Donald Yen)
- Other schools?
- BCIT Facilities (Marvin Rogers. Tim Wong)
- BCIT Campus Planning (John Wong)
- BCIT Student Housing (Tom Moore)
- BCIT ARLO (Rob Duncan, Stefan Joseph, Joe Boyd)
- BCIT TC (Joe Newton, Collin Wilson, Susan Ostermann)
- BCIT Management (Jim Reichert, Norman Streat)
- and BCIT's Group for Advanced Information Technology (GAIT)

Next Steps

Phase 1: Construction of Microgrid (2008-2010)

- Installation of Smart Metering on designated loads
- Installation of Load Control Devices in Afresh/Dorms
- Installation of Comm Network (HAN/LAN/WAN)
- Completion of Co-Gen and the required sensors/CTRL
- Completion of protection/islanding of BCIT Campus
- Retrofitting and Integration of AFRESH with Microgrid
- Dev of BCIT EMS system (target 10% annual saving)

Phase 2: Research and Development (2010-2015)

 Setup of NSERC Strategic Network (BCIT is the lead, UoNB, McGill, UoT, UoWO, UoA, UBC, SFU & UVIC)

Phase 3: Microgrid Commercialization (2010-2017)

 Setup of Industry Canada's NCE (Network of Centers of Excellence) in pan-Canadian Smart Grid technology **Critical Success Factors**

Timely construction of the Microgrid

Participation of faculty and students

Teamwork among internal stakeholders

Institute-wide support & collaboration

Project Management & coordination

Expansion of industry partnerships



Conclusions

BCIT's Intelligent Microgrid Initiative is about:

- Providing new and unique educational/training services for students, faculty and industry
- Reducing the carbon footprint and energy costs of BCIT and other Microgrid campuses across Canada
- Putting BCIT on the map as the leader in training & development of smart energy management systems
- Helping utilities modernize their services & assets
- Mitigating critical infrastructure risks, security, reliability and vulnerability
- Creating a 'sandbox' where new technologies and solutions can be developed, tested and qualified

Questions?

Come see us - we love to demo!

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