EPRI Task Forces: Identifying, Creating and Transferring Value

The Information and Communication Technology program (P161) has launched a new advisory structure going into 2020. In addition to the ICCS Sector council and ICT Advisors group the program is adding project set Task Forces to the advisory structure.
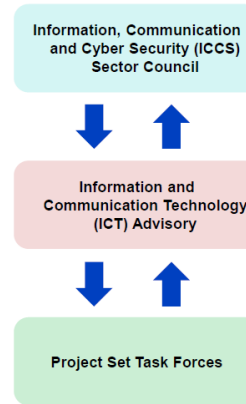
Identifying the value in the research and ensuring that EPRI is working on the most important issues facing your company, the industry, and society, *creating* engagement as the work is being done to ensure high-quality results and effectively *transferring* results to the people who will ultimately use them are the high-level goals of the EPRI advisory structure as a whole.

The objective of the new structure is to create project set Task Forces that will engage subject matter experts (SMEs), hold regular meetings and create a formal feedback mechanism. Due to the COVID19 virus these meetings are currently being held via webcast.

Task Force members provide technical expertise at the project set level. The role of a Task Force member includes the following:

- Gathers and communicates their company's research needs to the Task Force
- Attends the majority of Task Force webcasts and face-to-face events
- Represents the views of their utility as a subject matter expert
- Votes on research priorities on behalf of their company
- Works with advisors, the Task Force Chair, and the Project Manager to develop and revise the project set Roadmap

The transition plan is leveraging task forces already in place such as the telecommunications task force, the enterprise architecture collaboration group, the advanced metering summit meeting and the GIS interest group. The ICT for DER project set is in the process of creating a task force going forward as well.

Information, Communication and Cyber Security (ICCS) Sector Council

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Advisory

Project Set Task Forces

- **ICCS Sector Council:**
  - Executive level
  - Responsible for:
    - Strategic guidance
      - Identify

- **ICT Advisory**
  - Mix of management and subject matter experts
  - Responsible for:
    - Identify, create, transfer

- **Project Set Task Forces**
  - Subject Matter Experts
  - Responsible for:
    - Identify, create, transfer

Project Set Task Forces

- **Objective is to engage subject matter experts**
  - if not the end user of our results, then much closer to the end user

- **Hold face-to-face meetings**
  - Provides more time than what we have during the advisory meeting
  - Deeper dives into the projects
  - Deeper discussions on research needs

- **Create a feedback mechanism**
  - Way to bring information from the task force meetings back to the advisory committee and sector council

The new structure is intended to produce greater engagement with SMEs leading to improved research results and better technology transfer.

The following is a list of future Task Force webcasts as well as links to webcasts that have already been held.

Scheduled:

May 21, 2020 Applied Information and Communication Technology for Distributed Energy Resources and Demand Response Task Force Webcast

June 16, 2020 ICT Emerging Technologies & Technology Transfer PS161A Task Force Webcast

Past Meeting Materials:

April 22, 2020 Geospatial Informatics Project Set 161H Task Force Launch Webcast

April 22, 2020 161G Task Force Special Webcast – Ameren VPN allowing 6,000 employees to work from home

To be scheduled:

PS161E Enterprise Architecture TBD

PS161F Advanced Metering TBD

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