

# **GOSSA**

Grid Open Source Software Alliance

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# Situation

- ▶ Open Source Software (OSS) is:
  - Becoming more robust and commonly used
  - Provides greater utility control and options
  - A natural fit for the closely linked electric industry
  - Compatible with proprietary and legacy applications
- ▶ Electric Utility Industry Lags behind others due to:
  - Lack of accurate information regarding OSS
  - Proprietary vendor lock-in with legacy systems
  - Risk aversion
- ▶ Interesting Links:
  - [10 Years of Open Source](#)
  - [Future of Open Source Survey Results](#)

# Solution = GOSSA

- ▶ GOSSA is a not-for-profit corporation
- ▶ Kick-Off Partners are DOE, EPRI, NERC, GPA and UIUC
- ▶ GOSSA Mission
  - To promote, manage, and disseminate high quality and secure open source software
  - To bridge the gap between users and the development community

# GOSSA Scope

## Open Source Software for All Aspects of Electric Grid Management and Reliability

- Generation
- Transmission
- Distribution
- Oversight and Coordination
- Planning
- Operations
- Maintenance
- Compliance

## Application Areas Include:

- Real Time Operations
- Compliance Assurance
- Preventative/Corrective Maintenance
- Advanced Grid Features and Functions
- Market Interaction

# GOSSA Value Added Services

- ▶ Standards and Guidelines  
Develop and maintain Grid OSS development and quality requirements
- ▶ Community Interaction  
Provide a forum for the grid community to collaborate, to identify the need for, and to develop and improve Grid OSS
- ▶ Grid OSS Inventory Awareness  
Maintenance of a virtual, one-stop shop for Grid OSS with regular updates provided to the GOSSA community
- ▶ Hosting Services  
A repository for Grid OSS for those that need it
- ▶ Technology Transfer  
Support the distribution, utilization and integration of Grid OSS
- ▶ Technical Support  
Provide support to Grid OSS developers and users

# 2013 Activities

- ▶ Solicit input from stakeholders to refine services
- ▶ Define services content
- ▶ Develop risk management profile
- ▶ Develop detailed licensing requirements and corresponding legal framework
- ▶ Identify additional GOSSA support organizations

# Kick-Off Meeting

- ▶ Meeting objectives
  - Enhance visibility
  - Accelerate participation
  - Feedback
- ▶ National meeting
- ▶ Washington, DC, September 6
  - NRECA Headquarters
  - 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
  - <http://gridossa.org>