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Dear Potential Member,

The International Energy Agency’s High Temperature Superconductivity Technology Collaborative Program (HTS TCP) conducts outreach toward electric utilities, governments, the professional engineering community, and the research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) community to communicate the potential benefits of HTS technology. The HTS TCP welcomes new members that are engaged in wire and application development. Our executive committee (ExCo) provides a unique format to exchange information and help advance HTS application development.

Some of the recently completed activities include:

* A Roadmap document for HTS in the electric power sector. This document highlights where the HTS industry is at present and what steps it should take to promote widespread adoption of superconducting-based devices. It outlines research & development (R&D) challenges and needs in the short, mid and long term that can be tracked using metrics.
* Developing a database of HTS projects around the world with a web based interface.
* Revamping our website to be a more dynamic platform for sharing information.
* Developing a quarterly HTS newsletter.
* Summary document for policy makers on the role of HTS in a low carbon society.

Future activities include:

* Hosting a competition to nurture young researchers in the field of HTS.
* Developing technical communications geared toward end users of HTS applications.
* Developing white papers that are directed at utilities as to how HTS has helped existing grids and has the potential to assist with grid modernization efforts.

Current members have stated the benefits of being an ExCo member include:

* Providing them with access to project information from around the world in a condensed format. This information is also provided in a much more open format with more opportunity for interaction than in a traditional conference or workshop setting.
* The information exchanged also helps to uncover trends, best practices and lessons learned for HTS projects, which helps to members to plan for the future with less risk.
* Having the backing of the International Energy Agency which enables the leveraging of a broad range of resources

I welcome the opportunity to discuss becoming a member of the HTS TCP with you more. Is there a time when we could connect by phone?

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you are interested in learning more. More information about the Executive Committee membership can be found at <http://www.ieahts.org/About-Us/Strategic-Direction>.

Best Regards,