Smart Grid a Topic of Presidential Visit

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As a significant local business in the New York Capital Region, Siemens PTI had the pleasure of being invited to attend U.S. President Barack Obama’s speech to the Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY on September 21, 2009. He was joined by Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden.

President Obama talked about a number of key topics related to education, including the importance of Community Colleges and innovation gaps facing the U.S., as well as his health care reform and stimulus activities. His speech also included multiple references to Smart Grid and provisions for Smart Grid investment.

The President stated: “No area will need innovation more than in the development of new ways to produce and use and save energy. I firmly believe that the nation that leads the clean energy economy will be the nation that leads the global economy. And that’s why we’re doubling our capacity to generate renewable energy, building a stronger and smarter electric grid.” He also said: “My administration is releasing our strategy to foster new jobs, new businesses, and new industries by laying the groundwork and the ground rules to best tap our innovative potential. This work began with the recovery plan that we passed several months ago, which devoted well over $100 billion to innovation, from high-tech classrooms to health information technology, from more efficient homes to more fuel-efficient cars, from building a smart electricity grid to laying down high-speed rail.”

Siemens Energy is heavily engaged in Smart Grid related activities with our customers. Smart Grid is more than just smart meters; it’s a combination of technologies that optimize the delivery of electricity between suppliers, networks and consumers, incorporating transmission, distribution and generation. Since each utility operates differently, customized strategies must be developed. Siemens Energy is already working on these technologies and we are proud to be the only products and services supplier with solutions for the entire energy conversion chain. We at Siemens PTI are working with our clients and creating integrated services and solutions to meet their needs. Together, we are helping to build a stronger and smarter electric grid.