



**Bob Halpin,  
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Bob Halpin is the Founder of the Massachusetts Smart Grid Innovators Collaborative, connecting people, ideas and resources with utilities, businesses, institutions and government to advance intelligent, efficient distributed energy systems. His extensive executive experience in government and economic development in Massachusetts has established a track record of leading diverse stakeholders to achieve broad, bold visions. He draws on that knowledge and experience to create effective, innovative partnerships in energy innovation. He is currently broadening the MASGIC vision to establish a New England Smart Grid Conference. He has served as the first President/CEO of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council, created in 1999 to promote a more collaborative and cooperative approach to economic development across the twenty-four communities in the Merrimack Valley region of Massachusetts. He is a former Town Manager in the Towns of Westford and North Andover, MA and similar positions in the communities of Pepperell and Gardner, MA. Halpin holds a master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University and a bachelor's degree in community planning and management from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. He is a Corporator at Emerson Hospital in Concord and volunteers as an adaptive ski instructor with the Waterville Valley Adaptive Snow Sports in New Hampshire.