

US Department of Energy announces nationwide smart grid meters

US Energy Secretary Steven Chu has announced that two million smart grid meters have been installed across the country, helping to reduce energy costs for families and businesses. As a result of funding from the Recovery Act, smart grid technology is speeding the modernisation of the US electrical grid, helping to reduce the amount of time needed to respond to energy disruptions and enable consumers to monitor their energy consumption and costs. So far, more than 180,000 smart meters have been installed in Ohio. International science and technology business Battelle is collaborating with American Electric Power on the Ohio gridSMART demonstration project to upgrade the electric grid in north-east central Ohio.

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