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**Getting grid 'smart' in small steps in Iowa**

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With all the focus on building a smart grid, the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities offers a compelling argument for starting small and reaping big savings.

Armed with two American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants, the association is launching a project that will equip its member utilities' customers with smart thermostats — rather than smart meters — and implement a demand-response program. The association also will implement dynamic pricing schemes that reflect the true cost of providing power during peak demand periods.

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