

## USC Hosts GRAPES 4th Semiannual Meeting May 17-18, 2011



### May 19, 2011

Columbia, SC – The NSF I/UCRC GRid-connected Advanced Power Electronic Systems (GRAPES) Center held its 4th semiannual meeting May 17-18 in Columbia, SC at the University of South Carolina main campus. The two-day meeting consisted of current project updates, new project proposals and student poster presentations.

This meeting also marked the first meeting of the Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) under new leadership. Robert Yanniello (Eaton Corporation) stepped into the position of IAB Chairman for the Center's second year. Jon Michael ("Mike") Russ (North Little Rock Electric) was chosen to serve as Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

The GRAPES Center welcomed both Entergy, Inc. and Oak Ridge National Laboratory as new members in the Spring 2011 meeting, bringing the total IAB membership to 20.