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## Williams-Pyro Recognized as Leader in American Innovation

*Company's micro-grid technology spurs small-business award*

Fort Worth, Texas—February 15, 2011—Williams-Pyro, Inc., has been awarded the U.S. Small Business Administration's coveted Tibbetts Award. The award honors small businesses for excellence in technological innovation and economic stimulus. Williams-Pyro's innovation is an intelligent, energy-efficient, plug-and-play micro-grid, which can save a significant percent of the Department of Defense's power-generation costs.

Williams-Pyro's micro-grid, called the Intelligent Energy Control System (IECS), is a scalable, mobile power grid that accommodates renewable and nonrenewable energy sources. It manages the power sources and electrical loads for optimal grid efficiency. With innovations like distributed controls and power-source neutrality, it can accept a range of power sources (like generators, solar, wind, or batteries), integrate them intelligently, and distribute high-quality power economically—which slashes fuel consumption.

"This award proves that American innovation is alive and well," said Brent Williams, Chief Operating Officer of Williams-Pyro. "IECS technology is essential to solving key energy challenges in the U.S. Until very, very recently, you could generate power any way you wanted, but you couldn't distribute it efficiently. Now, with IECS, you can. IECS is groundbreaking, and the Tibbetts Award proves its legitimacy. We're honored to receive the award, and excited to be on the cutting edge of micro-power grid solutions."

Developed to reduce the costs and casualties associated with transporting and consuming fuel at military forward operating bases, the IECS also benefits a variety of commercial and noncommercial applications. For example, oil-and-gas platforms, offshore wind farms, and disaster recovery camps need clean, reliable power distribution in remote areas. And as the technology evolves, the number and types of compatible power sources and electrically powered equipment will continue to expand.

"This is a proud day not only for Williams-Pyro but also for the city of Fort Worth," said Sean Greene, the Small Business Administration's Associate Administrator for Investment and Senior Adviser for Innovation. "Companies like Williams-Pyro represent the best in American ingenuity."

According to Williams, "We couldn't have won the Tibbetts Award without the input and influence of smart, dedicated people in the U.S. Army's CERDEC and PM-MEP divisions. They saw real value in our idea."

The Chief of the Power Technology and Alternative Energy branch of CERDEC nominated Williams-Pyro for the Tibbetts Award, highlighting the company's ability to "implement higher efficiency, easily configurable, smart power grids."

Williams-Pyro, Inc., is a woman-owned small business founded in 1963. Located in Fort Worth, Texas, Williams-Pyro develops and manufactures over 200 innovative products, including intelligent power systems, automated test equipment, cabling, and connectors for the aerospace, defense, and energy sectors. Williams-Pyro works with many leading companies in these industries, including BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman, Halliburton, The Boeing Company, and Lockheed Martin. For more details, visit [www.williams-pyro.com](http://www.williams-pyro.com).

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