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The U.S. Should Consider Giving Priority to Distributed Generation Technologies to Secure its Power Distribution says Allied Business Intelligence

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Distributed Generation (DG) technologies have the potential to increase the reliability and quality of worldwide power in the coming decade but need continued active support from the US government. More efficient use of energy resources will contribute to securing flexible power and help the US achieve energy independence, according to "Distributed Generation: Global Market Analysis, Technology Assessment and Outlook", a new report from Allied Business Intelligence (ABI).

ABI's study indicates that global DG capacity could increase to 300,000 MW by 2011 from a little over 20,000 MW currently. "DG technologies from small gas turbines to fuel cells could be utilized to decrease the burden on current electricity infrastructure, giving more flexibility to end-users" said Atakan Ozbek, author of the study.

"Our research shows that the need for DG is unambiguous and emerging technologies will have to be supported by the US government in order to lay out the necessary regulatory framework and provide crucial early incentives to clean technologies" added Ozbek, Director of Energy Research at ABI.

The incumbent technologies for DG applications are reciprocating engines, and small gas turbines. ABI's market study analyzes emerging DG technologies from fuel cells to microturbines, to wind turbines. Summary discussions are provided of the current regulatory practices, tax practices, environmental regulations, and business considerations effecting the present and future uptake of DG technologies. A detailed analysis of worldwide market segmentation and forecasts for DG is included.

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