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## President and CEO

## Energy Systems Network

Paul J. Mitchell is the founding President and CEO of Energy Systems Network (ESN), a 12-year consortium of companies and institutions focused on accelerating technology development and commercialization in the advanced energy and transportation sectors. ESN is building an energy ecosystem that integrates all aspects of the energy landscape: energy generation, distribution, the built environment, and transportation.

ESN leverages its network of global thought leaders to develop integrated energy and mobility solutions to increase quality of life for today and tomorrow. Its collective focus is to: reduce costs, emissions and waste; influence policy; and advance technological innovation.

ESN has incubated and launched more than **$1 Billion** in joint ventures, multi-company partnerships, and start-up across the energy and mobility industries, including alternative fuel transportation, smart grid, transmission and distribution, energy generation, and energy efficiency markets. ESN projects have included a number of firsts including among others: the largest electric car sharing program in North America, the incubation and launch of Battery Innovation Center a world-class energy storage R&D, testing, and prototype lab with more than 500 industry customers, and Hoosier Solar, a unique solar energy development business that is developing 1.5 gigawatts of solar in Federally designated Opportunity Zones. ESN member companies/institutions include, among others: *Duke Energy, Cummins, Toshiba, ITOCHU, MISO, CenterPoint Energy, Hoosier Energy, Heritage Group, LHP Engineering, Toyota, Cisco, Luminar, Dallara, Bollore Group, AES, SAIC, Underwriters Laboratories, Purdue University, Ivy Tech Community College, Rocky Mountain Institute, and Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane.*

Most recently, ESN organized the Indy Autonomous Challenge, a prize competition among global university teams to program fully autonomous Dallara AV-21 racecars and compete at various race tracks including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Monza and Goodwood.

Prior to joining ESN, Mr. Mitchell served in the Office of Governor Mitch Daniels where he was Policy Director for Economic Development, Workforce, & Energy. In this capacity he oversaw legislation, policy, and program development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and Indiana Department of Labor, and acted as Governor’s liaison to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Office of Utility Consumer Counselor. During his tenure with the Governor’s Office, Mr. Mitchell also led the formation of and directed the Indiana Office of Federal Grants and Procurement.

A native of West Lafayette, Indiana he holds a Masters of Public Affairs from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Bloomington, Indiana where he graduated as valedictorian.