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## **Engineering Management Seminar Series**

Dr. Gary Teng

5:30 pm – 6:20 pm, 9/10/2007 (Monday)  
Duke Centennial Hall, Room 345

### **Managing Change in a Changing Environment**

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Dr. Michael Howard is Senior Vice President of R&D at EPRI. He has over 27 years of results-driven, multi-faceted leadership experience in organizations ranging from entrepreneurial start-ups to large public companies with increasing responsibilities in operations, finance, sales and marketing, product development, and strategic planning. Most of Dr. Howard's experience is in providing technical consulting services and products to both U.S. and international electric utility companies.

Prior to his current appointment, Dr. Howard served as President and CEO of EPRI Solutions, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of EPRI. EPRI Solutions was created by the merger of three companies, one of which was the EPRI Power Electronics Application Center (PEAC) Corporation where he served as President and CEO.

Previously, Dr. Howard was the president of the Tennessee Center for Research and Development (TCRD) located in Knoxville, Tennessee and president of Beta Development Corporation (BDC), an early-stage venture capital firm focused on providing equity investment in technology-based companies.

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