

**United States Department of Energy  
State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)  
Resolution 10-02**

**Subject:** Strategic Focus on the Need for a New EERE-Wide Implementation Paradigm through Partnerships and Collaboration

**Background:** With the passage of the Recovery Act, the Department of Energy has undertaken enormous new management challenges as it implements both new and rapidly expanding energy programs designed to enhance US economic competitiveness, job creation, and national energy security. Innovation and management experts agree that implementing these programs to scale will require:

- (1) Public-private-community collaboration at unprecedented levels;
- (2) Flexible funding and program implementation models reflective of different capacities (e.g., policy, technical, renewable resources, etc.) in States and Regions; and
- (3) New forms of bottom-up implementation, front-line technical assistance, and creative consumer marketing that can accelerate program adoption and learning.

Given the interconnectedness of DOE programming to a wide range of other federal, State, local and private efforts to promote sustainable infrastructure, economic development, and agriculture, implementation experts agree that new forms of accelerated collaboration, rather than “one-size fits all” approaches, will be key to speed, scale and success for EERE and DOE.

**Recommendations:** The State Energy Advisory Board recommends that EERE should support and foster the creation of local / State / Regional and inter-agency mechanisms and meaningful collaborative partnerships to drive more of these bottom-up outcomes, including innovation, job creation, and stakeholder engagement. For example, we support the appropriate expansion of current DOE pilots in stakeholder “road show” engagement, integrated deployment, and the planned E-RIC.

We strongly encourage program design, not just implementation, to be bottom-up in character, from onset to announcement. We believe that this extra effort will be critical to building deeper stakeholder engagement and net program benefits. In this regard, STEAB – with its broad and informed membership representing a diverse mix of key stakeholder groups – should be more actively utilized in these efforts.

We also strongly recommend that the agency engage with the STEAB and other entities in strategic, pro-active discussions around overall program modernization, finance, and budget planning for both a post-ARRA environment and the development of national

energy structures and objectives that can support the President's energy and job creation agenda.

**Next Steps:** Given that STEAB is comprised of a select group of individuals from across the US who volunteer their time, at the Secretary's request, to serve on this Federal Advisory Board, STEAB is committed to undertaking various activities in conformance with its Charter to advance the broad energy issues noted above.

*Unanimously Adopted by the STEAB on May 20, 2010*