

# STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, February 21, 2013  
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## TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

**Designated Federal Officer (DFO):**

- Gil Sperling, STEAB DFO, Senior Management Technical Advisor, EERE, DOE.

<b>STEAB TELECONFERENCE ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Present	Absent
<b>Roger Berliner</b> , Council President, Montgomery County Council	X	
<b>Ron Binz</b> , Public Policy Consulting		X
<b>Susan S. Brown</b> , Deputy Administrator, Wisconsin Division of Energy	X	
<b>Tom Carey</b> , Director, Energy and Rehabilitation Programs, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal	X	
<b>William Vaughn Clark</b> , Director, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce	X	
<b>John H. Davies</b> , Director, Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Kentucky Office of Energy Policy	X	
<b>David Gipson</b> , Director, Energy Services Division, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority		X
<b>Philip Giudice</b> , Chief Executive Office, Liquid Metal Batter Corporation	X	
<b>Paul Gutierrez</b> , Vice Provost for Outreach Services, Associate Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, New Mexico State University		X
<b>Duane Hauck</b> , Director, Extension Services, North Dakota State University	X	
<b>Robert Jackson</b> , Manager, Michigan Economic Development Office, Michigan Energy Office	X	
<b>Elliott Jacobson</b> , Vice President for Energy Services, Action Energy	X	
<b>Maurice Kaya</b> , Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture	X	
<b>Ashlie Lancaster</b> , Director, South Carolina Energy Office	X	
<b>Lou Moore</b> , Chief, Energy and Pollution Prevention Bureau, Montana		X
<b>Agnes Mrozowski</b> , Assistant Deputy Director, Illinois State Energy Office	X	
<b>Frank Murray</b> , President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
<b>Steve Payne</b> , Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce	X	
<b>David Terry</b> , Executive Director, ASERTTI	X	
<b>Malcolm Woolf</b> , Sr. Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy	X	
<b>Daniel Zaweski</b> , Assistant Vice President - Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation Program, Long Island Power Authority	X	

**Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:**

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.
- Alyssa Sullivan, EERE, DOE
- Holmes Hummel, EERE, DOE

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## Public

Jim Creavy

## Agenda Items:

1. Introduction of New Members Frank Murray
  
  2. Task Force Review and Updates:
    - a. Strategic Plan Task Force Paul Gutierrez and  
Maurice Kaya
    - b. DOE/USDA Task Force Duane Hauck
    - c. Weatherization Task Force Elliott Jacobson
    - d. SEP Task Force Lou Moore
    - e. Lab Task Force Robert Jackson
  
  3. SEE Action Executive Committee Follow-up Frank Murray
    - a. Outcome of Recent Meeting
    - b. Action items?
  
  4. “Race to the Top” Energy Initiative Holmes Hummel
  
  5. Public Comments Frank Murray
  
  6. Other/New Business Frank Murray
    - a. EERE FY 2013 Budget Review
    - b. March 12 – 13, 2013 Meeting Overview
- Frank Murray (FM) opened the call and began by introducing the new members, and then moved into Task Force updates.
  - Maurice Kaya (MK) spoke on behalf of the Strategic Planning Task Force. The group is still working and liaising with Gil Sperling (GS) and EERE. Though the activities have diverted slightly, the group is picking back-up. Most of the conversations within this Task Force have been about the new “Race to the Top” initiative.
  - Duane Hauck (DH) provided the update for the DOE/USDA Task Force. Currently the Task Force is working with the State Energy Extension Partnership (SEEP) Working Group chaired by Beverly Samuel and LeAnn Oliver. The Working Group is meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> in DC to have a strategic planning session. The Working Group also submitted a proposal to present at the National Energy Extension Summit in Ft. Collins, CO and that proposal was accepted. Paul Gutierrez (PG) will be presenting along with other individuals from the pilot program awarded states. Additionally the Task Force is aware of budgetary constraints so moving forward the Working Group will be focusing on collaborative efforts that do not involve the need for funding. Ideally the work would look at connecting people and agencies to provide more effective EE and RE as well as educational program delivery.
  - Elliott Jacobson (EJ) updated the STEAB on the activities of the Weatherization Task Force. At the moment there is a lull in activity as the group looks to what will happen with Weatherization this year due to the sequester. The Task Force has made in-roads within DOE and headway as well with OMB and other stakeholder groups. Currently it is just a slow and difficult situation for the program.
  - Susan Brown (SB) elaborated for those who were at the NASEO meeting that Weatherization and the long-term health of the program was discussed. There were many comments about

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support being there from national groups but it's a hard time to fight for funding. The overall hope to find another solution, and this was also discussed at the NEADA meeting.

- Robert Jackson (RJ) provided the State Energy Program (SEP) task Force update. The Task Force met and reviewed feedback from Anna Garcia and Kathleen Hogan and had additional questions the Task Force will be asking. Anna Garcia has been invited to come to the March meeting and discuss the status of the program, as well as discuss opportunities for operational and relationship building between states and DOE.
- RJ also updated the STEAB on the events occurring within the Lab Task Force. Currently the Task Force consists of only Frank Murray (FM) and RJ so he invited other STEAB members to become part of that group. RJ added the Task Force spoke with ASERTTI and other universities and organizations to talk about the Resolution 13-1 and how to implement it. The Task Force is working to identify the capabilities of value to the states occurring within the National Labs. BNL was able to showcase several programs they have and there are capabilities that exist like this at other labs and the Task Force is looking to find partnerships and make the research and capabilities available to Board Members so STEAB can then disseminate this information to states.
- MK replied he has had conversations with the National Labs, and has started a matrix himself for areas within the lab such as energy efficiency, smart grid, grid integration, etc. as it will assist his activities in Hawaii. He noted he would be happy to join the Lab Task Force and share with them what he has learned.
- John Davies (JD) mentioned he had shared with the STEAB the FY 14 budget by line item for the National Labs. This could help the Task Force identify what STEAB wants to do and where to go in terms of a starting point.
- FM updated the group on the activities of the SEE Action Sub-Committee. While there was no real update, JD provided additional details noting there is a great deal of information and available via the network but the question really is how that information gets disseminated and shared. That is one area the Task Force is looking into. GS noted Johanna Zetterberg will be in attendance at the March STEAB meeting to provide an additional update on SEE Action.
- Holmes Hummel from DOE thanked the STEAB for allowing her to follow-up on the "Race to the Top" initiative DOE is looking into. She was pleased that Obama announced briefly and generically the initiative on energy productivity and indicated there would be funding for this. There is an FY 14 budget request for this initiative but until that is approved there really is not a lot DOE can discuss publically. She indicated they have received input both from STEAB and from another FACA within DOE. Based on the feedback and from modeling this after the Department of Education's similar initiative, DOE is creating a breadth and flexibility in state approaches to a "Race to the Top." These are positive improvements to the concept that originally presented. The path forward in the budget roll-out really means a path to passage and once the budget is passed then the actual details can be released.
- MK asked how STEAB can be helpful for this? Should the Board get involved in roll-out or execution? States have experience in these areas and have a lot to offer in terms of feedback and advice.
- Ms. Hummel indicated the Electricity Advisory Committee took initiative after the State of the Union and the Chair asked for a working group to focus on this and giving feedback to the development and design of this initiative. STEAB may have a group already established similar to this that could assist and join forces with the EAC. The budget rollout will be an invite for stakeholder dialogue and will be important to help Congress see the value of the proposition. DOE can accommodate the interests of a large number of states and participating competitors, but there are areas to improve policy. What kind of contribution may the Board

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anticipate making? It may be the policy criteria STEAB thinks states would value or should adopt to improve market conditions and help nation improve economies of scale. DOE will have an RFI to open up a dialogue to the public, but right now she needs to talk about views on how states will play a part in this initiative.

- Malcolm Woolf (MW) asked about the timing of this. He understands that DOE will be getting appropriations in Calendar 2013, but will this kick-off in FY 2014? And if so, would DOE get the rules out to states in order for policy changes to happen in FY 14 or FY 15?
- Ms. Hummel indicated that is currently the arc of things.
- FM thanks Ms. Hummel for her time and then turned to the part of the meeting where the public is allowed to comment. FM asked if any members of the public would like to make comments or ask questions. None of the public indicated they wanted to comment, so FM then closed that portion of the meeting.
- GS noted the Board would like to have a larger budget discussion about the remaining FY 13, and future FY 14 budgets, but GS asked that be tabled until the March live meeting. He did ask the Board to look at the current state of where funding is going and figure out what Labs are getting money to determine where the STEAB should host a fall meeting in early FY 2014.
- An update was then provided about the details of the upcoming March 2013 meeting and the contractor support said more details would be forthcoming once the hotel contract was signed.
- FM asked for any additional new business. Seeing as there was none, he thanked the Board for participating in the February call.

*Minutes were scribed by Emily Zuccaro, contractor support for the STEAB.*