

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, May 16, 2013
3:30 - 4:00 PM Eastern Time

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

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

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

Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

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Agenda Items:

1. Task Force Review and Updates:
 - a. DOE/USDA Task Force Duane Hauck
 - b. Weatherization Task Force Elliott Jacobson
 - c. SEP Task Force Lou Moore
 - d. Lab Task Force Robert Jackson
 2. Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Update Gil Sperling
 3. SEP Evaluation Letter Follow-up Frank Murray
 4. FY 2014 Budget and Race to the Top Frank Murray
 5. Public Comments Frank Murray
 6. Other/New Business Frank Murray
 - a. June STEAB meeting (June 25-26, 2013)
 - b. Fall STEAB meeting (October 14-15, 2013)
- Gil Sperling (GS) opened the call and wanted to cover the second agenda item first as it revolved around the upcoming June meeting. He noted the Strategic Planning Task Force met on Monday, May 6th and discussed the upcoming agenda for the June meeting. The first day will be devoted to talking all about EERE and Dr. Danielson will be invited to talk about his high-level goals for all of the office such as smart-grid, utilities, advanced manufacturing and transportation. Dr. Danielson will be speaking the to group about where he sees EERE going in the next few years, and his vision for the country, and then talk to the STEAB about how the Board can assist EERE with aligning resources and ask for feedback on the states views of these goals. After his talk several STEAB members should be prepared to provide feedback in the form of presentations to EERE which represents the state perspective and state reactions to these Federal goals. EERE needs to understand where the states believe they are, where states see themselves going, and then STEAB and EERE can work together to make that happen.
 - To summarize, GS asked that members think about transportation, clean energy manufacturing and grid modernization in their states as that is what Dr. Danielson and others from EERE will be discussing. His expectation is also that Dr. Hogan and Mr. Chalk will be on-hand at the meeting to come and discuss the grid modernization discussion, Mike Carr will talk about advanced transportation and another representative will talk about advanced manufacturing. Ultimately, all of these discussions, presentations and roundtable talks will encompass all of day one of the meeting.
 - Roger Berliner (RB) mentioned the Governor of Maryland requested recommendations from the state on Utility 2.0 and the report of the findings were released 2 days ago. He suggested that GS and others on STEAB review this document as it really lay's out the future for distributed generation, distributed utilities, clean energy and consumer empowerment.
 - GS noted this is the type of feedback and results EERE is looking for from each state. Malcolm Woolf (MW) asked if Dr. Hogan and Mr. Chalk would be present not only during their comments but would stay for discussion with the Board and GS replied that both individuals would be on hand to engage with the Board during the June meeting.
 - Based on that feedback, MW thought this was a great opportunity for the Board to provide comments to policy makers and is a great way to kick-off a dialogue about where the country needs to be going.
 - Elliott Jacobson (EJ) talked about what Massachusetts is going through with grid modernization at the State Energy Office. While EJ was unaware of the official position since there has not been a ruling

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on this issue yet, if this is the type of information GS suggests everyone bring with them to the meeting, there is a wealth of information EJ could bring with him to Arlington, VA in June.

- John Davies (JD) commented that when Board members give feedback to EERE on these issues, it should be stated that the opinions expressed, are just that: opinions. The real state perspective and the official position should be coming from the SEO's, and even other organizations like NARUC have their own opinion on where states should be going with respect to the three issues.
- GS responded that someone needs to be able to lay it all out state by state what the proposals are. EERE knows each state has different perspectives but the agency needs to know what those are. If enough states work together and have the same perspective that can then become national policy. This is an ambitious undertaking, but it is important for STEAB to focus on this and make sure EERE hears about what states feel is important.
- Lou Moore (LM) embraced the concept of having roundtable discussions instead of just presentations, but recognized that this is a "first step" in what should continue as an ongoing dialogue between states and EERE.
- GS indicated that the outcome of this meeting would be a measure of how well STEAB is able to get state's needs out in front of DOE.
- Tom Carey (TC) asked if the only areas STEAB would be focusing on were grid, manufacturing and transportation and GS replied that based on the feedback from the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee, those were the areas where STEAB felt they could make the most headway from a Federal and state level.
- EJ asked about other programs that would be addressed during the meeting since STEAB's role is to make sure programs within EERE are working well from a state perspective. GS replied that those issued would be tackled on day two of the meeting when Anna Garcia would come and speak about the State Energy Program (SEP) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), as well as other EERE Program Directors would be on hand to talk about their specific areas. FS added that he will be working over the next few weeks to reach out internally at EERE about scheduling for the meeting, and requested that STEAB members think about who they would like to present on behalf of states on these topics.
- The meeting then moved onto the third agenda item of the SEP Evaluation. GS indicated he had spoken with Anna Garcia about the letter, but Ms. Garcia will be speaking with Dr. Hogan as well about the issues raised in the letter and this would be a topic of discussion at the June meeting.
- JD asked about the FY 2014 budget issues that he raised via email earlier in the week and requested that the budget be part of day two discussions at the STEAB meeting. He noted a lot of programs received significant bumps in funding, so STEAB should take a look at where the money is going and how it is being spent. EJ echoed that concern noting specifically spending on WAP, and JD reminded the Board that new strategic metrics were added to that program and he is interested in how DOE came up with those.
- The contractor support replied noting the meeting would be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Arlington, VA, from June 25 – 26, 2013, and the room block information and flight details would be forthcoming to all members. She added that the fall STEAB meeting in Denver, CO would be held at the Marriott Denver West in Golden, CO and that the meeting would take place from October 15 – 16, 2013.
- The meeting then turned to Task Force updates. EJ noted the Weatherization Task Force had a call earlier in May to discuss both budget and other concerns and the Task Force has a small-group meeting planned with representatives from NASEO, NEADA, NASCSP and EERE coming together on Thursday, June 27th to discuss how these organizations can better work together to promote the program.

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- Duane Hauck (DH) spoke about progress of the State Energy Extension Partnership (SEEP) Working Group and how there is a call scheduled for late May to discuss how best to elevate the importance of this initiative and the work that can be done to EERE and USDA. The group hopes to meet with Dr. Danielson in late June while the STEAB is in Arlington, VA in order to impart the importance of SEEP upon EERE sr. leadership.
- LM reminded the Board that the SEP Task Force sent two letters to EERE in April and early May. One was about outstanding SEP budget concerns and the second addressed SEP Evaluation concerns the states were facing. The Task Force is waiting for a response but hopes to address these issues with Ms. Garcia at the June meeting.
- The Lab Task Force was not represented on the call, but the contractor support noted a call was scheduled for that group on May 21st.
- The call moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. There were members of the public on the call and no members of the public provided any written requests with comments or questions, the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.
- Seeing as there was no outstanding old or new business the call was adjourned.

Teleconference minutes scribed by Emily Zuccaro, STEAB contractor support.