

# STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
3:30 - 4:02 PM Eastern Time

## TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

### Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Julie Hughes, Policy Advisor, EERE.

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BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
<b>Roger Berliner</b> , Council President, Montgomery County Council	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>David Gipson</b> , Director, Energy Services Division, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority		X
<b>Philip Giudice</b> , Chief Executive Office, Liquid Metal Battery 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>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>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.

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## Agenda Items:

1. Update on STEAB/EERE 2014 Engagement Plan Julie Hughes
2. Review the STEAB Five Main Focus Areas for 2014 Julie Hughes
3. Discuss option of STEAB participation in EERE's efforts to bolster lab-industry partnerships Julie Hughes
4. Update on Weatherization Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> Elliott Jacobson
5. Public Comment Frank Murray
6. Other/New Business Frank Murray
  - a. March 20 - 21, 2014 meeting in Golden, CO

- Julie Hughes (JH), the DFO of STEAB, opened the call and provided background and context for the first agenda item. In mid-December STEAB sent a draft of the 2014 Engagement Plan to Dr. Danielson, along with a letter from Frank Murray (FM) outlining the five main focus areas and the Board's thanks to Dr. Danielson for attending the STEAB meeting. JH met with Dr. Danielson last week and walked him through the draft plan and the five focus areas STEAB identified. Dr. Danielson requested another meeting to more thoroughly review the plans, deliverables, due dates and other questions and JH has a meeting scheduled with him for later this afternoon. JH noted she expects to receive a more formal response from EERE to the STEAB that the Board can then react to and make edits to the plan as needed and identified. To reiterate for the Board, JH quickly recapped the five focus areas for STEAB in FY 2014. They are the Weatherization Program (WAP), using National Labs as economic catalysts and encouraging more state engagement, the Clean Energy Manufacturing Initiative (CEMI), the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER), and engaging DOE and states on power plan issues and 111(d).
- JH noted Dr. Danielson was most excited to see what STEAB would be able to accomplish around CEMI and the National Labs, as well as indicated he was looking forward to STEAB providing him with the "next big idea" about what mechanisms are the best to get EERE and states engaged with the Labs. Jetta Wong is heading up the Lab engagement area within EERE and Dr. Danielson has a few ideas for state engagement and economic competitiveness that he hopes the Task Force will address. Currently the Lab Task Force consists of Robert Jackson, Frank Murray, Phil Giudice, and Maurice Kaya. JH noted she hopes the Task Force can also parlay their activities into the Board's March meeting at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). She asked also that the Lab Task Force get involved with Jetta Wong in the coming month and discuss with her technology transfer out of the labs, with an emphasis on economic development.
- FM let the group know Dr. Danielson had reached out to him about scheduling a call or in-person meeting about engagement with the Labs and what STEAB could do to help while FM is in Washington, DC for the upcoming National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) meeting. FM indicated he will follow-up with the Board about this meeting, and will also make sure to speak with Dr. Danielson about the STEAB Engagement Plan and focus areas for FY 2014.
- JH indicated the comments she and FM made covered agenda topics one, two and three and then asked Elliott Jacobson (EJ) to provide the members with an update on the pending Weatherization Live Meeting on March 5, 2014.

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- EJ began his remarks by conveying his, and the Task Force's, thanks to DOE for its support of the \$174 million which was appropriated by Congress in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in the latest budget. This was the number the Task Force and states were hoping for, and is a good number, but states do remain hopeful that the funding number can eventually approach that of pre-ARRA numbers which were around \$240 million. The upcoming March 5, 2014 meeting the STEAB's Task Force will host is occurring during the National Association of State Community Service Programs (NASCSPP) meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting brings together the groups which have participated during previous Task Force meetings from July 2013 and December 2013. Topics to be discussed include looking to the years ahead for WAP as well as determining a way for all of these stakeholders to convey their appreciation of the budget numbers recently released. Additionally, WAP has some big changes coming to the actual running of the program such as workforce training. The March meeting will discuss the gap between the reality of where the program is now and where the program needs to go, and how these groups can work with DOE, Congress and other groups to help get it to where it needs to be. EJ also noted that the Task Force has a call scheduled for later in the day to talk about the agenda for the upcoming meeting and another item which they will table until that call is how to approach new worker certification standards for WAP.
- Steve Payne (SP) reiterated the need to figure out how this group can convey thanks to Dr. Danielson, Jason Walsh, Dr. Kathleen Hogan and others within EERE for their continued support for the program. EJ and Vaughn Clark (VC) agreed with this and discussed possibly inviting Alice Madden from DOE to attend the March meeting and the upcoming March STEAB meeting in Golden, CO later in March 2014. JH indicated she would reach out to Ms. Madden about attending the March 5<sup>th</sup> Weatherization meeting, and perhaps try to get her out to Colorado for the full Board meeting. A couple of the aspects the Board and the Task Force can discuss with Ms. Madden are the STEAB Engagement Plan and the mechanisms that are useful for states to engage with the National Labs, as well as engagement with states and the Weatherization program. JH noted she did send Ms. Madden a copy of the STEAB's draft Engagement Plan, so she does want to continue the momentum and conversations. Additionally, Michelle Wyman who is the state and local engagement person within DOE who was at the STEAB December meeting sent to JH a webinar invitation which will be passed along to the STEAB for consideration. The webinar is about the State Energy Portal which was developed jointly with Energy Information Administration (EIA). There may be opportunities the STEAB can identify for that site to have a more policy and programmatic information as right now it is heavily focused on fuel and other traditional energy consumption data.
- FM commented to the Weatherization Task Force that a letter should go from the STEAB, or the Task Force, to Dr. Danielson showing the Board's appreciation for his continued support of the overall program. Phil Giudice (PGD), Tom Carey (TC) and EJ said they agree and EJ responded that he would draft the letter to Dr. Danielson and send it around to the Task Force and FM and JH for their edits and comments. JH added she will convey a verbal thank you to Dr. Danielson during her meeting with him this afternoon as well.
- Malcolm Woolf (MW) asked if in this draft Engagement Plan which is being discussed with Dr. Danielson there are deliverable dates for certain activities and if so, should the Board get started on those deliverables or wait for JH to report back on her meeting with Dr. Danielson after they meet this afternoon? FM replied that while the Board wants to stay on the right footing, Dr. Danielson should have time to review the plan and provide his comments and questions back to the STEAB.
- JH agreed with FM saying Dr. Danielson did see the dates and deliverables and commented that he thought they seemed a bit aggressive for the depth and scope of what the STEAB is going to be working on. She continued noting with regards to the National Lab and CEMI efforts within the Lab Task Force

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there were some February dates outlined as the timeframe in which to provide Dr. Danielson with feedback and suggestions. Dr. Danielson suggested to JH in their last meeting that the February date be pushed back in order to accommodate for the CEMI lead, Libby Wyman, to return from maternity leave. Additionally, JH knows that Dr. Danielson is aware of the upcoming STEAB live meeting in Golden, CO and indicated if he was in the area around the time of that meeting he would like to come by the STEAB and engage with the Board in Golden. JH added that given the timing of the QER and the Presidential Memo which just went out indicating the start of the process, a February time-frame is a good month for the STEAB to re-engage with Karen Wayland on the QER process. With regards to the power plan rule and 111(d), the driver is really EPSA as they are taking the lead on that issue so STEAB needs to make sure they are engaged with the office to provide feedback as needed. She acknowledged STEAB is currently a bit on-hold with their progress as they await Dr. Danielson's feedback on the Engagement Plan, but noted the Board is not delinquent in providing information or recommendations.

- FM then turned to the portion of the call where the STEAB asks for Public Comment. He asked if there were members of the public on the phone who wished to make comments or ask questions. Seeing as there were none, and he had not been contacted by the public about making comments, he moved on to the final agenda item.
- FM asked if there was any new or old Board business. Maurice Kaya (MK) asked about the status of the EERE Strategic Plan noting he and others provided feedback to Jason Walsh per request but had not heard anything further. JH replied she spoke with Jason Walsh about this and he has the comments and it is not too late to submit other feedback so if members have additional comments please send them in to Mr. Walsh. She promised to work with Mr. Walsh to see how STEAB's feedback affected the plan and the strategies outlined so it could be a topic for additional discussion on the February Board call. MK asked if the timing of the Strategic Plan was still on track given the news that the Presidential Memo on the QER went out, and JH reassured MK and the STEAB members that the EERE Strategic Plan is an office-wide effort, whereas the QER is an intergovernmental effort, so the timing of the Strategic Plan is not affected as it is more of a micro-level, EERE-wide document and serves a very different purpose than the QER.
- FM reminded the STEAB to please review the documents which were sent out earlier in the month about the upcoming March live Board meeting taking place March 20 – 21, 2014 at the Denver Marriott West in Golden, CO. Members need to book their tickets and their hotel rooms by mid-February so he asked that everyone please pay special attention to those instructions.
- MW asked JH if members of the Board can share the draft STEAB Engagement Plan with members of the public and people in their offices. JH did not see an issue with that but asked that when sharing this plan the STEAB members indicate this is a draft roadmap of what the Board hopes to accomplish and work on during FY 2014, but not a document that limits the Board to only addressing these activities.
- FM asked about any additional business. Seeing as there were no additional topics for discussion, FM and JH thanked the Board for their time and reminded them about the next call scheduled for February 20, 2014 at 3:30 pm eastern time.
- JH and FM then adjourned the STEAB January teleconference call at 4:02 pm.

*Teleconference minutes were scribed by STEAB contractor support, Emily Zuccaro*