

# STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
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## OTELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

**Designated Federal Officer (DFO):**

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

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Present	Absent
<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>Dan Carol</b> , Strategic Advisor/Organizational Consultant		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>Peter Johnston</b> , Project Manager, Clean Energy Technologies, Burns & McDonnell	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>Janet Streff</b> , Manager, State Energy Office, Minnesota Department of Commerce	X	
<b>David Terry</b> , Executive Director, ASERTTI	X	
<b>Daniel Zaweski</b> , Assistant Vice President - Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation Program, Long Island Power Authority		X

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## Public Attendees

- Mark Wills, Manager, State and Local Government Affairs, ASHRAE
- Johanna Zetterberg, SEE Action Network, DOE

## Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Lindenberg, SRA, International Inc.

## Agenda Items:

1. Task Force Review and Updates:
    - a. Deployment Task Force Phil Giudice
    - b. DOE/USDA Task Force Duane Hauck
    - c. Weatherization Task Force Elliott Jacobson
    - d. SEP Task Force David Gipson
    - e. Lab Task Force Peter Johnston
    - f. Strategic Plan Task Force Paul Gutierrez
  2. SEE Action Sub-Committee Johanna Zetterberg
    - a. Sub-Committee Membership
    - b. Sub-Committee Next Steps
  3. Public Comments Janet Streff
  4. Other/New Business Janet Streff
    - a. Charter Renewed Through 2014
    - b. October 2012 STEAB Meeting - BNL
- Janet Streff (JS) opened the meeting and started with Task Force updates. She asked Maurice Kaya (MK) about the Deployment Task Force, but MK did not have an update. Gil Sperling (GS) talked to the STEAB about the early workings occurring within EERE regarding a National Deployment Plan. This is currently with Dr. Kathleen Hogan for review and edits but should be released soon. MK indicated that the Task Force would like to be involved in that plan and interface with EERE on this before it rolls out to all of EERE and the greater DOE.
  - GS gave the update on the DOE/USDA Task Force noting there is currently a final revised version of the MOU with DOE and USDA for approval. There will be a meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> where this MOU should be signed between the two agencies.
  - Elliott Jacobson (EJ) provided the Weatherization Task Force update. He expressed concern that the government is still operating under a Continuing Resolution and the \$65 million in the budget for Weatherization has created some concern. The Task Force continues to wonder what the Continuing Resolution means for the remainder of funding for the Program after it expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>. GS responded by saying right now EERE is hoping to offer a percentage more over the funding provided in the Continuing Resolution to all EERE programs, but there are no more updates on if and when that can or will happen. EJ followed-up by noting the Task Force would like to be involved in future budget discussions and is eager to offer assistance or perspective if needed to help convince EERE and DOE to allocate more funding to the Weatherization Program. GS suggested the Task Force give Bob Adams a call to directly discuss this. EJ concluded the Task Force update by reminding the STEAB about the letter of invitation to Dr. Danielson asking him to visit a state to see weatherization

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in progress on the ground and in communities. The Task Force has not received a response to this letter at this time.

- JS asked GS if he had heard about Jason Wells deciding to take action and create a publicity event for the one millionth home weatherized. GS responded by saying Mr. Wells was working on a release and the planning for this event was in progress. Susan Brown (SB) added that Wisconsin received an email noting her state was selected, or was one of the final states being considered for an announcement about the one millionth home weatherized. She has put NASCSP in touch with the local agency in her state. GS followed-up saying EERE is currently considering about 8 locations before selecting the final place where the event will occur. The actual event to mark this occasion will be on September 27<sup>th</sup> according to EERE, but the location is still being determined. GS will provide more details once EERE finalizes their decision.
- The SEP Task Force did not have an update, but David Terry (DT) gave a quick summary about the SEP Evaluation as he was aware from NASEO updates, noting it continues to be delayed. OMB has still not approved the evaluation/survey forms so no progress has been made. There are also funding issues causing delays. OMB seems to be concerned about language on the surveys, but NASEO and the SEO's are most concerned about making sure the evaluation will look at the correct metrics. DT encouraged the SEP Task Force to stay involved and make sure they continue to engage with KEMA and ORNL on this issue.
- Peter Johnston (PJ) gave the update for the Lab Task Force. He indicated the Task Force has wiped the slate clean and is starting over with new goals and objectives. The Task Force will be looking at lab communication issues and working with labs to help them learn about what SEO's can provide to them with regards to liaising with utilities, state agencies, and other entities, as well as helping the states learn what the labs have to offer in terms of technology and intellectual capital. Creating a 2-way street of communication is key. The first step is identifying who at the labs the Task Force needs to talk to in order to get started. The Task Force has a call with Brookhaven National Lab next week to kick this off, as well as to start planning the agenda for the upcoming October meeting.
- There was no update from the Strategic Plan Task Force as EERE has not made any headway with regards to this initiative so the Task Force is in a holding pattern. GS confirmed that the next step for the STEAB and the Strategic Plan Task Force should be to identify some key points they want EERE to focus on. The STEAB sent a letter to Dr. Danielson recommending that STEAB identify 2 to three people, and EERE do the same, to create a small working group to assist with the creation of the Strategic Plan. This letter was well received by DOE, but the big question is what does STEAB think EERE should focus on? OWIP is working on a restructuring right now and they have some ideas of where EERE should go, but GS encouraged the Board to email a few initiatives of importance to EERE as they want to know what types of areas are of most importance to STEAB.
- Johanna Zetterberg provided the next agenda item which was a summary and update on the SEE Action Sub-Committee. She began by giving a brief overview of what the greater SEE Action Network is (a DOE and EPA facilitated and managed group designed to bring EE to scale across all sectors). She asked the members to visit the SEE Action website for additional information and to sign-up for the newsletter. She indicated the Executive Committee held a meeting last month which provided the working groups an opportunity to give updates on their strategies and accomplishments from FY 12 as well as plan future work for FY 13. Overall there were about 70 people in attendance at that meeting and the Sub-Committee was discussed and the full network is now aware of this group and look forward to liaising with the STEAB to get recommendations out of SEE Action, through STEAB and ultimately to EERE.

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- JS asked Ms. Zetterberg to send the STEAB information on the newsletter and updates regarding the larger Network. Ms. Zetterberg indicated she would distribute that information via the STEAB's contractor support.
- GS concluded this agenda item noting he received a call from the DFO of an FACA which was interested in coordinating with the STEAB's Sub-Committee to make sure initiatives, recommendations and directives from SEE Action are transmitted to EERE. GS noted this was a great open door and provided additional avenues for the STEAB to explore.
- JS reminded the STEAB that the Board's Charter had been renewed by DOE until 2014.
- GS and JS then spoke briefly about the upcoming October 2012 meeting on Long Island where the STEAB would be visiting Brookhaven National Lab. GS recommended everyone fly into Islip Airport, and indicated additional details about the hotel and agenda would be forthcoming.
- The meeting then turned to the portion where the Chair of STEAB calls for public comments. JS 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 JS then closed that portion of the meeting.
- JS asked if there was any new business or other topics for discussion. Seeing as there were none, she thanked the Board for participating and closed the August STEAB teleconference call.

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