

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, August 15, 2013
3:30 - 4:11 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	
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		
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	X	
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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- Jason Walsh, EERE, DOE

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Agenda Items:

1. Update on WAP Letter to the Secretary Frank Murray
2. EERE Strategic Plan Update Jason Walsh
3. STEAB's Engagement on the S-1 Level Frank Murray
 - a. What policies can STEAB recommend to the Secretary via Melanie Kenderdine?
 - b. What White Papers can be produced?
 - c. How can we elevate STEAB relevance with S-1?
 - d. Should we create a Task Force for this?
4. STEAB's Feedback Re: Race to the Top Frank Murray
 - a. What recommendations do we have after hearing Holmes' presentation and reviewing the EAC's letter?
5. Public Comment Frank Murray
6. Other/New Business Frank Murray
 - a. Fall STEAB meeting (October 14-15, 2013) in Washington, DC.
 - b. Feedback to Libby re: CEMI Summit locations

- Frank Murray (FM) opened the call and asked for an update on the Weatherization letter to the Secretary drafted in late July and sent on August 1st. Elliott Jacobson (EJ) said the letter had been sent but he had not heard any feedback from DOE. He asked if there had been feedback received by other STEAB members. Seeing as there was none, he indicated the group would be following-up with the Secretary.
- Malcolm Woolf (MW) indicated he was sponsoring a Task Force or small group that would be answering the call from Melanie Kenderdine at the July STEAB meeting where she asked STEAB to identify a few ideas for white papers that would be sent to the Secretary of Energy. MW noted he was scheduling a call with a small group of STEAB members to start thinking about these key areas, but he encouraged the group to have a draft ready by the September call or October meeting so that a paper can be in hand to pass off to DOE by the Fall. FM agreed and asked individuals who were interested to email MW and the contract support so they could be included on the call. After ideas were discussed by the small group, the list would be circulated to the Board for further discussion before a main topic would be selected for a white paper draft.
- MW continued by saying he previously circulated two ideas via email and would like the STEAB to consider those as well as any other ideas generated by the small group. The first idea he proposed was doubling the nation's energy productivity. DOE should lead a public process to develop a comprehensive plan to achieve President's goal of doubling nation's energy productivity by 2030. While the President's vision is clear, it is far less clear how to achieve this ambitious goal.
- Secondly he suggested focusing on the 21st century energy system. There have been numerous reports highlighting the disruptive challenges posed by declining load growth, increasing distributed generation and demand for greater reliability. Little has been done at the state level, however, which is where most utility regulatory decisions are made. To jump start state level discussions, DOE should offer to help interested Governors start a multi-party, facilitated discussion about the

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challenges to the existing utility business model in their state and the various different regulatory opportunities. This is an opportunity for STEAB to marshal the way to achieve energy goals by working together with states and DOE. The question really is what can be done at the Secretary level to jumpstart state conversations. Perhaps DOE can offer financial incentives or facilitated conversations with the state, the PUC's, utilities, stakeholders, etc. to kick-off these kinds of conversations at the state and local level.

- EJ reminded MW he has provided comments regarding the second suggestion and how low-income households offer a unique set of challenges and there needs to be a low-income advocate as the country moves towards a new smart-grid. MW agreed with EJ, and Phil Giudice (PGD) asked what was already underway at DOE with regards to the first suggestion of doubling the nation's energy needs.
- Jason Walsh indicated there were discussions occurring within DOE but nothing tangible has really moved forward. If STEAB could push something like this forward to DOE that makes a lot of sense.
- John Davies (JD) reminded the STEAB about the President's call during the State of the Union to eliminate waste in manufacturing and there is still very little effort to accomplish this. That could be a focus area for the Board as well.
- Roger Berliner (RB) asked regarding the first suggestion about doubling energy needs, what is the role of state and local government in that? Should the STEAB pitch to DOE have direct ties with the issues that states and local governments are dealing with? States often deal with the cost effectiveness for energy efficiency and all states handle this differently. Could DOE help with this?
- MW noted this is very interesting and yes, states are passing legislation about what is cost effective under the energy efficiency cost-benefit tests and states are frustrated with PUC's which is why this legislation is occurring.
- Jason Walsh then updated the Board on the status of the EERE Strategic Plan. He found the conversation begun at the July STEAB meeting to be helpful and candid regarding the mission and vision for the plan. Right now EERE is focused on the tail-end of the "design" phase and EERE is now in the development stage. Currently EERE is working with the program office directors to flush out articulate strategies and measures of success and create an outline from which to then create a draft. The draft will be ready by October to be shared, but he would like more feedback from states and that feedback is welcomed and encouraged.
- JD asked for feedback on how the efforts of this plan will be collaborated with the QER at the Secretary level?
- Mr. Walsh noted these are actually two different things. The QER is the administration wide effort that DOE is staffing, but is slightly coordinating with the strategic plan writing. The overall EERE plan is being drafted by folks like Mike Carr and others to make sure EERE's play is synchronous with DOE's overall plan, but to this point Mr. Walsh himself has not been part of the QER.
- EJ asked about low-income and Weatherization and how that is being handled in the plan and asked for the Task Force to have a call to discuss the outcome of the late July Weatherization meeting in Denver and identify areas of concern or questions which could be then integrated into the plan.
- Vaughn Clark mentioned there is a lot happening with Weatherization since that Denver meeting. More mandates and less funding which is confusing, so he would support a Task Force call sooner rather than later as well.
- FM then asked for feedback about the Race to the Top initiative the Board heard more about at the July meeting. Did the members have feedback for Holmes Hummel or does the STEAB feel the initiative is moving in the right direction. Seeing as there were no additional comments, FM then informed the Board about the upcoming live meetings.
- The next meeting will be in Washington, DC at the Wardman Park Marriott from October 15 – 16, 2013. Information about booking rooms and flights will be going out to members before Labor Day.

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- The spring meeting of STEAB will be in Denver at the Denver Marriott West near NREL. The dates will be either March or early April. An email will be going around asking for a vote on the best dates and the meeting will be scheduled from the results of that poll.
- FM asked the Board for feedback about the Clean Energy Manufacturing Initiative (CEMI). The next meeting will be in the Bay Area in California in October and Mr. Walsh added that in December there will be a national conference in the Washington, DC area.
- The call moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. There were no members of the public on the call and no members of the public provided any written requests with comments or questions, and so the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.
- Seeing as there was no outstanding old or new business the call was adjourned by FM at 4:11 pm.

Teleconference minutes scribed by Emily Zuccaro, STEAB contractor support.