

# STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
3:30 - 4:00 PM Eastern Time

## TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

### Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Julie Hughes, DFO, Sr. Advisor, EERE, DOE.

<b>STEAB TELECONFERENCE ATTENDANCE</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	Present	Absent
<b>Jeff Ackermann</b> , Director, Colorado Energy Office		X
<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 Officer, Ambri	X	
<b>Marion Gold</b> , Commissioner of Energy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources		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> , Deputy Director, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 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>Katrina Metzler</b> , Section Supervisor, Weatherization Office of Community Assistance, Ohio Development Services Agency	X	
<b>Frank Murray</b> , former 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>William "Dub" Taylor</b> , Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office	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, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Long Island.	X	

### Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

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## AGENDA

### Task Force Updates:

- Lab Voucher Program Recommendations Julie Hughes and Frank Murray
- Weatherization Task Force Letter
- Response to EPSA regarding QER

### Discussion and Planning for August Board Meeting

- Topic Ideas Julie Hughes and Frank Murray
- Guest Ideas

### Public Comment

Frank Murray

### Upcoming STEAB meeting in DC:

- August 2014 Travel Details Frank Murray and Emily Zuccaro

### Sharing of Recent Board Member Accomplishments

STEAB Members

- Julie Hughes (JH), Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the STEAB, opened the meeting by welcoming the group the July conference call, and asked Robert Jackson to provide and update, if any, about the ongoing conversations with Jetta Wong and Joyce Yang about the Lab Voucher Program recommendations.
- Robert Jackson (RJ) replied that as of this conference call there was no update and the Task Force was still waiting on an official response from Dr. Danielson on the recommendations.
- JH responded she had spoken with Dr. Danielson about the document and he was currently reviewing it and wants the Task Force to continue meeting with Ms. Yang and Ms. Wong about this potential program. She also indicated both women would be attending the upcoming August STEAB meeting to meet with the Board about the Lab Voucher Program and expand on some of the questions and recommendations the Board posed in their letter to DOE.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ), Chair of the Weatherization Task Force, updated the Board on his Task Force's activities noting the Task Force met via conference call on July 16<sup>th</sup> with Bob Adams of DOE. Mr. Adams will be joining alternating monthly Task Force calls in order to maintain an open dialogue about Weatherization issues and areas of interest to STEAB. Currently the Task Force is looking forward to the release of the National Weatherization Evaluation report which is due out this fall from Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL). The evaluation will be released in two parts: the first part will address the regular DOE program, and then later in the spring of 2015 a second part will be released which specifically addresses the program run under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). STEAB was asked by Mr. Adams to assist with the release of the evaluation and participate in follow-on discussions that occur as a result of the release of the evaluation.
- Phil Giudice (PGD) asked about the Task Force's invitation to Dr. Danielson to attend a public Weatherization event, as well as asked about any early evaluation reports or charts that may be

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circulating within the agency that could be shared with STEAB now in advance of the evaluation release.

- EJ answered that all evaluation documents are internal to DOE currently and nothing had been shared with the Task Force. That being said, the Task Force will be meeting in the fall with DOE to discuss the evaluation during a pre-release meeting and STEAB has been asked to participate in an effort to address state questions and concerns before the release of the evaluation results. No specific invitation has been posed to Dr. Danielson for a Weatherization site visit although he has indicated a willingness to attend should the Board bring forth a specific opportunity.
- Tom Carey (TC) added that some preliminary results of the evaluation were released about a year ago during a larger Weatherization event and preliminary discussions commenced, but nothing has occurred since then.
- Katrina Metzler (KM) agreed and informed the Board that DOE has hired a Public Relations firm to assist with the release of the evaluation results. She went on to say how the Task Force thought this was a smart move on behalf of the agency because of the importance of the results.
- JH noted that DOE often has critics overshadow the accuracy of results and release of information, and DOE is committed to communicating the findings of this important study in a clear manner. She thought it was positive that DOE had taken this step to carefully control the release of this information as it will also provide context to the recommendations that come out of the evaluation results.
- On behalf of Malcolm Woolf, the Chair of the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) Task Force, JH informed the Board that the Task Force will be speaking with Kate Marks of DOE next week to discuss the upcoming meeting in New Mexico which addresses state local and tribal issues as associated with the QER.
- JH reminded everyone the August board meeting will take place August 20 – 21, 2014 in Washington, DC and she still would like to get additional input as to potential meeting topics or speakers. Currently she has lined up speakers from the Weatherization Program, EPA, the Lab Impact Initiative, and a few other areas of interest that members asked about, but she welcomes more ideas and suggestions.
- EJ asked about having someone from DOE come to address not only the Weatherization evaluation, but also the State Energy Program evaluation.
- Vaughn Clark (VC) wanted to know more about the type of discussion that would surround the 111(d) issue, asking if it would be a recap from a representative from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or if it would be more in-depth.
- JH noted she is working on getting someone from EPA to talk to STEAB about the proposed rule that EPA has released and is publicly available.
- VC suggested JH speak with member David Terry as he has been working on the energy efficiency component of this rule and he may have some insight which could add to this discussion. JH thanked VC saying she will reach out to Mr. Terry about this.
- RJ continued by saying states really wants to know how DOE can help them with the emissions data requirement as part of the 111(d) rule. States are struggling with the critical projections on emissions at the mid-way point through 2016 and could use some guidance and clarification from DOE or EPA.
- JH then turned to the Public Comment portion of the call. She asked if there were any members of the public on the phone or any members of the public who wished to make comments. Seeing as there were no public comments and no members of the public on the line, she moved on to the next agenda item.
- JH reminded the Board to please coordinate with the STEAB's contractor support staff regarding flights and hotel rooms associated with the upcoming August meeting.
- JH asked for either Board member accomplishments or any new business.

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- TC indicated he wanted to share some of the accomplishments taking place in New York with regards to big investments in solar power. The Public Service Division has an initiative called REV, the Reforming the Energy Vision program, which looks at the impact of deregulating utilities 20 years ago and how that impacts the current environment as it relates to distributed generation. He shared three links to stories and information about the REV initiative and the solar investment in New York. The links were as follows:
  - NY Sun Initiative - <http://ny-sun.ny.gov/about>
  - REV (Reforming the Energy Vision) - <http://www3.dps.ny.gov/W/PSCWeb.nsf/All/26BE8A93967E604785257CC40066B91A>
  - Energize NY/ PACE - <http://www.nyscrda.ny.gov/About/Newsroom/2014-Announcements/2014-07-15-Partnership-to-Bring-Clean-Energy-Financing-Program-to-New-York-Businesses.aspx>
- Maurice Kaya (MK) thanked TC for sharing this information and noted there are similar issues and studies like REV occurring in Hawaii as well and he predicts these types of initiatives will start occurring in most states with greater regularity.
- EJ asked about the next STEAB live meeting after the August meeting. He wanted to know if the Board would wait until 2015 to host another live meeting or if there may be an even in December of 2014.
- JH indicated she would circle back with Frank Murray, Board Chair, about that question.
- EJ also asked about Board membership and upcoming nominations to replace retiring members. JH indicated anyone is free to submit ideas to her for potential nominees and that she was in the process of identifying some.
- JH asked if there was any additional business, or other items of note to share. Seeing as there were none, she thanked the members for their participation in the July call and adjourned the call at 4:01 pm.

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