

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, June 19th, 2014
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TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

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

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BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Jeff Ackermann , Director, Colorado Energy Office	X	
Roger Berliner , Council President, Montgomery County Council		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
David Gipson , Director, Energy Services Division, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority	X	
Philip Giudice , Chief Executive Officer, Ambri	X	
Marion Gold , Commissioner of Energy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources	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	
Robert Jackson , Deputy Director, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 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
Katrina Metzler , Section Supervisor, Weatherization Office of Community Assistance, Ohio Development Services Agency	X	
Frank Murray , former President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
Steve Payne , Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce	X	
William "Dub" Taylor , Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office	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, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Long Island.		X

Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

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AGENDA	
Next Steps and Board Feedback on Letters Submitted to EERE Leadership:	
- Lab Voucher Program Recommendations	Julie Hughes and Frank Murray
- Weatherization Task Force Letter	
- Response to EPSA regarding QER	
Planning Discussion for August Board Meeting	
• Topic Ideas	Julie Hughes and Frank Murray
• Guest Ideas	
• Potential SEE Action Collaboration	
Update on Board Membership	Julie Hughes
Public Comment	Frank Murray
Other/New Business	
- August 2014 Meeting and 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 June teleconference by reviewing the agenda. She then asked Robert Jackson (RJ) to talk about the conversations between the US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force and Jetta Wong and Joyce Yang of DOE regarding the Lab Voucher Program recommendations.
- Robert Jackson (RJ) indicated the Task Force had engaged a couple of times with Ms. Wong and Ms. Yang about the Lab Voucher Program and on Monday, June 16th, the group met again on a call to discuss follow-up items and outstanding questions from the earlier June 2nd call. Most of the questions and points of clarification surrounded funding, Intellectual Property and licensing. Additional questions about exactly what type of aid and assistance the Labs would provide to voucher recipients in terms of technical or research were also discussed. The next steps for this Task Force are to hear back from Dr. David Danielson regarding his feedback on the official recommendations on the Program from STEAB, as well as for RJ to provide feedback the Michigan Energy Office received from a few of the small to medium energy technology developers that were surveyed in Michigan regarding their needs for lab expertise/services, and their feedback from working with the labs to support commercialization efforts.
- JH thanked RJ and reminded the Board that this is an exciting collaborative process occurring between the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and STEAB as engagement with the national labs is a high priority for Dr. Danielson. When the Lab Voucher Program was first proposed it

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had not been defined as to how the states would be engaged with the labs and the applicants. From all the discussions with EERE staff, STEAB suggested that an element missing in the original idea was how the SEO's engage directly with state economic development offices and the Governor's office. She noted that both Ms. Wong and Ms. Yang thought the Board's feedback was enlightening in terms of the connection with SEO's and what important roles states can play in this program once it is piloted.

- Phil Giudice (PGD) asked if there was a chance this program would roll-out as a pilot program in the fall as it sounds like this is a near-term goal for EERE.
- JH replied that this seemed to be the direction the office was headed in but clearly a lot of the roll-out depends on program design and also on funding availability.
- On behalf of the Weatherization Task Force, JH provided a brief update on the activities of that group since the March meeting. The Task Force prepared and submitted a letter to Dr. Danielson regarding the Weatherization Program in late May of 2014 and the group was waiting for an official response. JH indicated she had coordinated with Dr. Danielson to discuss the letter and engage on this topic in the coming weeks and noted her belief that a response would be forthcoming before the August meeting.
- Steve Payne (SP) added to the Weatherization Task Force update that the group is also holding monthly Task Force calls and Robert Adams of the Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental (OWIP) Programs will be joining on alternating months so that a DOE presence can continue engaging with the Task Force on issues and areas of concerns.
- Tom Carey (TC) then commented that in the letter to Dr. Danielson there was a question about the status of the Weatherization Program National Evaluation. The evaluation has been ongoing for several years and the Task Force asked about updates and estimated release dates for the final report.
- The next Task Force update was from the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) Task Force. JH reminded the Board that the Task Force submitted a letter to the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA) which provided feedback on the list of potential vulnerabilities facing the QER and identifying key state and local concerns that should not be overlooked during the review itself. JH indicated she was working with members of EPSA in order to have them engage with the QER Task Force directly on conference calls later in the summer to discuss the letter and recommendations made therein.
- Malcolm Woolf (MW), Chair of the QER Task Force, thanked JH for the background and noted for the STEAB that he and the group had not received any feedback or engaged in follow-on dialogue regarding the letter. He will be following-up with Karen Wayland of EPSA in person and will try to elicit a response during that meeting.
- JH reminded STEAB that members had asked for information regarding QER public meetings in the future. These are regional meetings across the country and those meetings are currently scheduled with locations, but not with dates. All are listed in the Federal Register and information is made available on DOE's QER website. As soon as more information is publicly available about that she will share the website and link to all members so they may determine which, if any, meetings they would like to attend.
- JH moved on to the next agenda item which covered the upcoming August live Board meeting in Washington, DC. She asked the members of STEAB for their recommendations and requests for topics to be covered or speakers to invite. She specifically wanted to receive feedback from members about what is of the most interest to them so that the meeting could be as informative and as engaging as possible.
- Dub Taylor (DT) asked for an update on the Weatherization National Evaluation, as well as that State Energy Program Evaluation. Those projects have been ongoing for several years and it would be nice to hear an update about where ORNL is in the process.

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- TC asked if other members of the Board thought it would be interesting to hear from EPSA staff about how the QER will affect EERE and DOE programs and projects. Additionally, he asked about possibly having someone from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) attend the meeting to give the Board an overview on the 111(d) proposed rule of the Clean Air Act.
- Frank Murray (FM), Chair of STEAB, agreed with TC saying that an overview of 111(d) that would be most helpful would be someone from DOE talking about the tools that will be made available, or are already available, to states to help them move forward with the implementation of the final rule. From a compliance perspective there will be states requiring assistance in order to meet the new regulations.
- MW echoed that point saying he would also like to know more about DOE's involvement in the development of the proposed rule and how, if at all, STEAB can engage with DOE and EPA to help answer the state concerns and questions. It is not a summary of the rules that STEAB is looking for, but an overview of how tools and outreach will occur between DOE, EPA and states.
- FM thanked JH for bringing this up to the members as he has a meeting with Dr. Kathleen Hogan later in July to discuss this approach and he will have updates for the Board during the July call and at the August meeting.
- Marion Gold (MG) shared that in the northeast it's important for the Energy Regulatory Committee to work with the SEO's to develop partnerships and understand regulatory issues facing states. Rhode Island and other states cannot implement their State Energy Plans without understanding how regulations and the rate structure work. She asked if STEAB could interact with NARUC leadership at the STEAB meeting in an effort to bring SEO's and regulators together more closely.
- JH replied she will look into that to see if there are opportunities to work together and inform other stakeholder groups, or if DOE could facilitate those types of engagements moving forward.
- FM asked if members of the Board would want to hear from the Energy Secretary's FACA on electricity, specifically to speak to the Board about MG's topic regarding regulators and state engagement. MW thought this would be a great idea as this would be a way to get state concerns brought to the Secretary's attention and could prove very helpful.
- Another possible topic for the August meeting surrounded water energy nexus and how that issue is percolating in the states with regards to needs and priorities. EERE is looking for the state perspective regarding priorities and how EERE can play a role in the development and acceleration of this program.
- MG indicated she would like a discussion around this, and Paul Gutierrez (PG) said that New Mexico is increasingly interested in this topic as well.
- JH said she would forward to the Board a Water Energy Report DOE released earlier in the week which discussed what activities within the department are related to this particular area. She thought this report could be a good starting point to help jump-start a conversation at the August meeting.
- FM asked members of the Board to please continue thinking about topics and ideas and to send them via email to himself and JH if there are other topics of interest for the August meeting.
- Moving onto the third agenda item, it was noted that Lou Moore from Montana is retiring effective August 31st. As Ms. Moore is leaving STEAB before her appointed term expires, JH and FM are looking for nominations of Energy Office Directors to replace Ms. Moore's seat on the STEAB.
- 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 JH moved on to provide details on the dates and location of the August STEAB meeting. She noted details of the meeting are being emailed out to the members with instructions for booking hotel rooms and flights.
- The final agenda item covered areas of accomplishments by STEAB members, or areas of interest that members wanted to share with the Board. MG started by sharing that she had a great legislative session

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in Rhode Island where the state passed a bill allowing them to stay at the table and continue the regional energy work the state had been doing.

- SP indicated the Weatherization Program overcame a hurdle in Congress and they are considering increasing program funding which is a change from the last few years where funding has been cut. SP also asked if there would be a December STEAB meeting, or if the next live meeting would occur in the early spring of 2015.
- JH and FM noted they will connect on that issue and figure out if STEAB should meet in December or wait until the 2015 calendar year.
- JH asked the members of STEAB if there was any additional or new business to discuss. Seeing as there was none, FM and JH thanked STEAB for their participation in the June teleconference and noted the date for the next Board call is July 17, 2014.

Teleconference minutes were scribed by STEAB contractor support, Emily Zuccaro