

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, September 18th, 2014
3:30 - 4:09 PM Eastern Time

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

Task Force Updates:

- US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force Julie Hughes and Frank Murray
- Weatherization Task Force
- QER Task Force
- States Needs Task Force

Follow-Up from August Board Meeting Julie Hughes and Frank Murray

Public Comment Frank Murray

Sharing of Recent Board Member Accomplishments STEAB Members

Upcoming events and notable dates:

- Small Business Vouchers Workshop on October 8th in DC (STEAB representative's attending)
- Public Comment on the QER 1st year. Due October 10th
- Scheduled Task Force calls:
 - US Energy Prod. and Econ. Competitiveness Task Force Call: *October 21st*
- Julie Hughes (JH), Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the STEAB, opened the meeting by welcoming the group to the September conference call, and thanking everyone who was able to attend the August 20 – 21, 2014 meeting in Washington, DC. She noted Reid Harvey from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spoke at the August meeting about what DOE may want to do to prepare for compliance with the proposed 111(d) rule. Those conversations built on several State and Local Energy Efficiency Action Network (SEE Action) discussions from earlier in the summer and the States Needs Task Force will be addressing these comments on a future conference call to help DOE and states determine what is needed for future compliance.
- JH then asked David Terry (DT), Chair of the States Needs Task Force, to update the Board on proposed goals and objectives regarding the proposed 111(d) rule.
- DT indicated he was working on arrangements for a conference call with the Task Force for later in September, and the goal of the group is to discuss ideas about how to move forward with compliance from a technical assistance standpoint; what do states need and what can DOE provide both in the near-term and long-term. He noted there is still a lot of debate over the issue of net versus gross energy savings with regard to the proposed rule, and DOE could offer applicable assistance to educate the stakeholders involved about the differences and impact of gross versus net savings.
- Currently the Task Force will be focusing on assessing the types of technical assistance already available through DOE to address the proposed rule, identify the applicable types of assistance which would be of use to states and stakeholders, and look at the timeline of how best to apply technical assistance before a potential June 2015 rollout of the rule. All of these will be discussed in greater detail on the upcoming States Needs Task Force call.
- Marion Gold (MG) indicated to DT that she would like to join the States Needs Task Force and asked to be included on the upcoming teleconference call when it is scheduled.
- JH thanked DT noting she spoke with Dr. Kathleen Hogan about the proposed focus of the States Needs Task Force and Dr. Hogan was pleased to hear about the assessment of DOE technical assistance as well

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as identifying potential gaps where DOE could improve their offerings, so she feels the Task Force is on the right track.

- Robert Jackson (RJ) updated the Board on the activities of the US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force. The group hosted a call earlier in September about the Small Business Voucher (SBV) program which was discussed during the August Board meeting. The Task Force followed-up on the dialogue from August with Jetta Wong and Joyce Yang regarding specific questions posed to STEAB about the SBV program. The following three fundamental questions were asked of STEAB: How should we [DOE] best involve states in outreach (documents, POCs)? How do we [DOE] build in merit and impact and business worthiness qualities in small business applicants and the review process? How do we [DOE] best track long term outcomes of the voucher recipients? Who should be involved?
- RJ told the STEAB the Task Force was most struck by the reference to states conducting education outreach. The Task Force feels states and the State Energy Offices (SEO) can do much more than just outreach and the group is drafting a series of responses to these questions which should be ready to be shared with the Board in the coming weeks. He asked for input from the full Board as he and other members of the Task Force are traveling to Washington, DC to participate in a meeting at DOE to discuss the SBV in person on October 8th and would like to bring Board feedback to that meeting.
- Jeff Ackermann (JA) thanked RJ and others for attending the in person meeting and wanted to make sure the point was made to DOE of how vital it is to link state economic development channels to the National Labs. Bringing those two entities together will make the best and biggest impact for this program.
- JH thanks JA for his comment and indicated there was enough funding for one more STEAB member to travel to Washington, DC for this event and to contact her directly if anyone was interested in attending the October 8th event.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ) provided the Weatherization Task Force update. He thanked the members of the Task Force for helping to draft a letter to Dr. David Danielson, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), in response to a letter from him to the STEAB dated August 15, 2014. In the response back to EERE the Task Force thanked Dr. Danielson for his continued support of the program, and invited him to tour a weatherized home and Weatherization Training Center. Additionally, EJ noted the Task Force will be weighing in with regards to Weatherization at an upcoming Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) event in New York City and he will provide an update on that event on the October teleconference call.
- JH reminded EJ she recently conversed with Kate Marks of DOE on this issue and that the upcoming event in New York would mostly focus on the financing aspect of the QER. She did note the Task Force's previous concerns and comments raised in their letters have been included in the public comments on the QER, and that DOE welcomes additional comments through the public comment period ending on October 10th.
- Frank Murray (FM), Chair of STEAB, moved on to the second agenda item telling members he corresponded with Dr. Danielson inviting him to a future STEAB meeting in FY 2015. In the letter he communicated about how great the discussions and dialogues were with DOE and EERE staff and how STEAB felt they were finally engaging with the agency in a way they had always hoped to. FM thanked JH for the transformation in the way the live Board meetings are structured. He expressed his excitement for future meetings as he, and other members, feel the interactions with DOE are getting better and are more informative.
- FM then asked JH about the first meeting of FY 2015. JH responded saying the first meeting of the new Fiscal Year will be in January 2015 in Washington, DC and more details will follow once the hotel

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contract has been signed. She asked members to please be on the lookout for updates via email within the coming days.

- FM then moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. He asked if there were any members of the public on the call. Seeing as there were none, he asked JH if members of the public had contacted her with written statements or comments to be shared. JH indicated she had not received any requests, and FM then moved on to the final agenda item.
- EJ asked for an update regarding the Weatherization Program National Evaluation which was scheduled for release. Members of the Weatherization Task Force were to be notified as to when they could aid in the planning of the release. He asked for FM and JH to please reach out to DOE about this and hopes an update will be available soon.
- JH replied she will work with Robert Adams on this issue and will also ask him how the Task Force can be most useful to that effort.
- Steve Payne let the Board know that he is no longer the Weatherization Chair of NASCSP. That honor has gone to another STEAB member, Katrina Metzler (KM).
- RJ told the Board that he has been promoted to Director of the Michigan Energy Office.
- 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 on the September call and adjourned the teleconference at 4:09 pm.

Teleconference minutes were scribed by STEAB contractor support, Emily Zuccaro