

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ECOLOGY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND
HOUSING OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC
ON
COLLABORATION IN ORGANIZING A SOLAR DECATHLON IN FRANCE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a non-binding expression of intent between the Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE) and the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Housing of French Republic (the MEDDTL) to collaborate in the achievement of a successful Solar Decathlon Europe competition in France in 2014. DOE and the MEDDTL may each be referred to individually as a "Participant" and together as the "Participants."

WHEREAS, DOE and the MEDDTL have common goals in fostering sustainable economic development while encouraging the use of renewable energy resources;

WHEREAS, DOE's Solar Decathlon and the Solar Decathlon Europe are international competitions designed to promote the design of houses that are energy efficient and self-reliant in energy usage;

WHEREAS, the MEDDTL, facing ambitious challenges of the "Grenelle de l'environnement" Forum, has declared its interest in holding the next edition of the Solar Decathlon Europe event in France in 2014 that will integrate unique local and regional characteristics while utilizing the same philosophy, principles, and models now in place in the United States and in Spain; and

WHEREAS, DOE as the founder, designer and organizer of Solar Decathlon possesses the experience and know-how necessary to organize a third edition of a "Solar Decathlon Europe", to take place in France, and wishes to collaborate with the MEDDTL in such an endeavor,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Participants have reached the following understanding:

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Section 1
Objective

1. The objective of this MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration between the Participants regarding the organization of a Solar Decathlon Europe competition to take place in France in 2014.
2. The Participants intend to collaborate on the basis of mutual benefit and an open and reciprocal exchange of information on all aspects necessary to ensure a successful Solar Decathlon Europe competition.

Section 2
Collaborative Activities

1. DOE intends to give its permission to the MEDDTL, for a period of three years, to use the rights DOE has in the SOLAR DECATHLON mark for the "Solar Decathlon Europe" event in France.
2. This edition of the "Solar Decathlon Europe" is expected to take place in 2014, with a call for applicants in 2012.
3. Exchange of information between the Participants may include, but is not limited to, rules, scoring, judging, officiating, safety, site selection, and team selection.
4. The Participants plan to work with the European Commission as the Commission begins a transition to take on an active role in governing future Solar Decathlon events on the European continent.
5. The Participants intend to consult with Spain, as needed, because of its experience as a European country which previously organized Solar Decathlon Europe in 2010 and 2012.

Section 3
Management and Funding

1. To ensure effective implementation and oversight of this MOU, the Participants intend to establish an Oversight Committee consisting of six members, three from DOE, and three from the MEDDTL. The Participants intend to invite the European Commission to participate as an observer on the Oversight Committee.
2. The Oversight Committee should provide periodic reports to the Participants on progress and plans, including a final report summarizing the success of the French edition of the "Solar

Decathlon Europe" event. Final approval of plans and activities, and any future plans for subsequent competitions developed by the Oversight Committee, are the responsibility of the Participants.

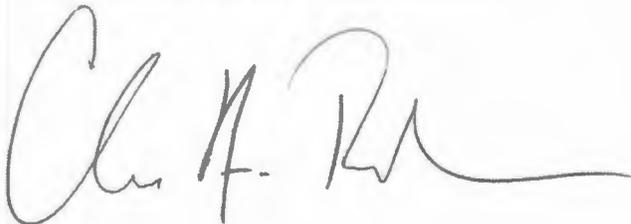
3. Except as may otherwise be decided in writing, all costs resulting from cooperation under this MOU are the responsibility of the Participant that incurs the cost.

Section 4
Commencement, Modification, and Discontinuation

Cooperation under this MOU may commence upon signature and continue for three years. This MOU may be modified at any time by mutual determination of the Participants in writing. If either Participant desires to end its cooperation under this MOU, it should endeavor to provide 120 days advance written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Paris in duplicate, this 21st day of March 2012, in the English and French languages.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



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