

**United States Department of Energy**  
**State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)**  
*Resolution 09-01*

**Topic:**           **Support for U.S. Congress Appropriation of Funding for Public Law 110-229, Sec 601, “Advanced Energy Technology Transfer Centers”**

**Background:** Securing America’s energy future is among the most important challenges in today’s current events. The U.S. Department of Energy’s EERE Office; the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Research, Education and Economics Division; land-grant universities; and State Energy Offices (SEOs) are some of the domestic players that are actively engaged in developing new technologies, researching energy efficiency practices, evaluating renewable energy sources, and supporting the market transformation of these activities.

**Issue:** Consumers do not fully appreciate or understand all of the significant benefits that renewable energy and energy efficiency offer. Better consumer understanding of these technologies and the benefits derived from utilizing energy efficiency and renewable energy is necessary. Enhanced education and technical assistance efforts are needed in order to achieve broader consumer adoption.

Public Law 110-229, Sec. 601, authorizes the creation of “advanced energy technology transfer centers” that would operate programs to encourage demonstration and commercial application of advanced energy methods and technologies through education and outreach. Appropriation of funds for the creation of these advanced energy technology transfer centers will provide broader consumer adoption of advanced energy methods and technologies and will build upon the many excellent energy related partnership activities and programs by the entities cited above.

**Recommendation:** Members of the STEAB respectfully encourage EERE to actively support appropriation of funding for these advanced energy technology transfer centers, as authorized in Public Law 110-229, Sec. 601.

*Unanimously Adopted by the STEAB on November 20, 2008*