Transition Team Question #12

Q: Regarding RPSEA, can you provide the contact person at the industry consortium and at DOE HQ and at NETL? Does the Section 999 program have the flexibility to redistribute the funding percentages?

- **Deliverable: Provide answer as to contact personnel on RPSEA, and whether such funding flexibility exists under the Sec 999 program.**

A: RPSEA Contacts & Sec 999 Funding Flexibility

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FUNDING FLEXIBILITY: None.
The funding percentages are directed by statute in EPAct, Title IX, Subtitle J.

Section 999H(d) lists percentage distribution among the four program elements.

"(d) *Allocation*.--Amounts obligated from the Fund under subsection (a)(1) in each fiscal year shall be allocated as follows:
(1) 35 percent shall be for activities under section 999A(b)(1).
(2) 32.5 percent shall be for activities under section 999A(b)(2).
(3) 7.5 percent shall be for activities under section 999A(b)(3)."

Section 999B(j) lists the percentage that can be used by NETL for program review and oversight.

"(j) *Program Review and Oversight*.--The National Energy Technology Laboratory, on behalf of the Secretary, shall (1) issue a competitive solicitation for the program consortium, (2) evaluate, select, and award a contract or other agreement to a qualified program consortium, and (3) have primary review and oversight responsibility for the program consortium, including review and approval of research awards proposed to be made by the program consortium, to ensure that its *EPAct 2005 Section 999 – 2009 Annual Plan (DRAFT)* 19 August 2008 activities are consistent with the purposes and requirements described in this subtitle. Up to 5 percent of program funds allocated under paragraphs (1) through

(3) of section 999H(d) may be used for this purpose, including program direction and the establishment of a site office if determined to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection."

Section 999G(3) lists the percentage that can be used by RPSEA for administration of three elements of the program.

"(3) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDS.--The term "program administration funds" means funds used by the program consortium to administer the program under this subtitle, but not to exceed 10 percent of the total funds allocated under paragraphs (1) through (3) of section 999H(d)."

Section 999C(d) lists percentage that must be used for technology transfer and outreach activities.

"(d) *Technology Transfer*.--2.5 percent of the amount of each award made under this subtitle shall be designated for technology transfer and outreach activities under this subtitle."