

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FEDERAL PLANNING, PUBLIC INVESTMENT, AND UTILITIES
OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
ON COOPERATION IN CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

The Department of Energy of the United States of America, and the Ministry of Federal Planning, Public Investment, and Utilities of the Argentine Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants;"

RECOGNIZING their shared interest in the development of energy efficiency and clean, sustainable energy sources;

CONSIDERING the strategic importance of clean energy in promoting energy diversity and security, environmental improvement, and economic development;

EXPRESSING their desire to foster communication and cooperation between one another on energy-related matters of common interest and to foster collaboration among laboratories, scientists, universities, institutes, and industry of the Participants' countries;

CONSIDERING that there is wide interest in Latin America and the Caribbean in deploying clean, renewable and energy efficient technologies; and

DESIRING to leverage strong United States of America - Argentina cooperation on energy to support the adoption of clean and sustainable technologies throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, as appropriate, in the context of the U.S.-Argentina Bi-national Energy Working Group and the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas;

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

Objective

1. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) is to promote and facilitate cooperation on the scientific, technical, and policy aspects of energy efficiency and clean energy technologies through the exchange of ideas and information, in accordance with the Participants' respective national priorities and socio-economic development goals and strategies.
2. The Bi-national Energy Working Group and its associated activities are to play an essential role in the implementation of the collaborative activities under this Memorandum.
3. By their joint determination, the Participants may invite other entities to participate in the cooperative activities carried out in the framework of this Memorandum: governmental agencies, universities, science and research centers, institutes and institutions, private sector firms, and other entities of the Participants' respective countries, and those of regional countries.

Section 2

Areas of Cooperation

1. The Participants intend to develop a work plan to define the scope of their proposed collaborative activities in the framework of this Memorandum. The work plan may be revised as mutually determined by both Participants from time to time.
2. Specific areas of cooperation that may be included in this work plan include, but are not limited to, the exchange of information and ideas on:
 - a. Renewable and clean energy resources, analysis, and financing information and tools;
 - b. Technical areas such as:
 - i. Energy efficiency;
 - ii. Renewable energy;
 - iii. Conventional Fuels;
 - iv. Civilian nuclear energy;
 - c. Development of policies to support and enhance clean energy and energy efficiency research, development, and deployment;
 - d. Establishment of a continuing dialogue on energy technologies, policies, and technical analysis; and
 - e. Any other energy-related area, as both Participants may mutually determine in writing.

Section 3

Forms of Cooperation

The forms of cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum may include, but are not limited to:

1. Exchange of publicly-available scientific and technical information;
2. Organization of seminars, workshops, and other meetings on mutually determined topics;
3. Exchange of scientists, engineers and other professionals, including those from industry and other non-government sectors;
4. Visits by a Participant's specialist teams or experts to the facilities of the other Participant, and field visits to research labs, renewable energy installations, energy efficient buildings and facilities, and industrial sites for technical exchanges and experience sharing on renewable energy technologies;
5. Conduct of joint analytic studies;
6. Identification of areas and projects suitable for the possible future conduct of joint research and development and pilot scale and demonstration projects;
7. Assessments of renewable resource potential; and
8. Engagement with similar institutions from other countries of the region to facilitate cooperation on clean energy and energy efficient technologies in other countries as a result of the bilateral cooperation developed in the framework of this Memorandum.

Section 4

General

1. Each Participant is responsible for the costs of its participation in all cooperative activities carried out in the framework of this Memorandum, unless they determine otherwise in writing.
2. Each Participant's participation in the cooperative activities is subject to the availability of funds, resources, and personnel and is to be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in that Participant's State and international agreements to which its State is party.

3. This Memorandum does not create any legally binding obligations between the Participants, nor does it commit either Participant or any component of a Participant to make available funding, personnel, or other resources.


Section 5

Commencement, Modification, and Discontinuation

1. The Participants' implementation of cooperative activities within the framework of this Memorandum may commence on the date of signature.
2. This Memorandum may be modified by mutual determination of the Participants, in writing.
3. The Participants may discontinue this Memorandum at any time. A Participant that desires to discontinue its participation in this Memorandum should give the other Participant at least ninety (90) days advance written notice. In the event of discontinuation, the Participants intend to continue to their conclusion specific cooperative projects already in progress.

Signed at Washington, in duplicate, this *13th* day of April, 2010, in the English and Spanish languages.


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