

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE DUBAI SUPREME COUNCIL OF ENERGY**  
**AND**  
**THE DUBAI ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY**  
**AND**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**ON**  
**COLLABORATION IN ORGANIZING A SOLAR DECATHLON MIDDLE EAST IN**  
**DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a non-binding statement of intent by the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy (DSCE) of the Emirate of Dubai, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) and the Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE) to collaborate in the achievement of two successful Solar Decathlon Middle East competitions in Dubai during the period ending 31 December 2020. DOE, DSCE and DEWA may each be referred to individually as a "Participant" and together as the "Participants,"

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

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

WHEREAS, DSCE and DEWA, embarked in ambitious challenges defined in the DUBAI 2021 plan, have declared their interest in holding a new edition of the Solar Decathlon Middle East event in Dubai that will integrate unique local and regional characteristics while utilizing the same philosophy, principles, and model now in place in the United States, and

WHEREAS, DOE as the founder, designer, and organizer of Solar Decathlon possesses the experience and know-how necessary to organize a "Solar Decathlon Middle East" in Dubai, and wishes to collaborate with DSCE and DEWA in such an endeavor,

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

## **Section 1**

### **Objective**

1. The objective of this MOU is to establish a framework for collaboration among the Participants regarding the organization of Solar Decathlon Middle East competitions to take place in Dubai.
2. The Participants intend to collaborate on the basis of voluntary and mutual benefit and exchange information on all aspects of the Solar Decathlon Middle East competitions, to ensure a successful competition.

## **Section 2**

### **Collaborative Activities**

1. DOE intends to give its permission to the DSCE and DEWA, from the effective date of this MOU until 31 December 2020, to use the term "SOLAR DECATHLON" for the "Solar Decathlon Middle East" event in Dubai.
2. This first edition of the "Solar Decathlon Middle East" is expected to take place in 2018, with a call for applicants in 2015. Subsequently, the second Solar Decathlon Middle East competition is expected to take place two years later in 2020. This timeframe may be extended or reduced by written mutual determination of the Participants.
3. Exchange of information between the Participants may include, but is not limited to, rules, scoring, judging, officiating, safety, site selection, team selection, and equipment selection.
4. Any news release, public announcement, advertisement, or other form of publicity issued in connection with the subject matter of this MOU should be coordinated by the Participants.
5. DOE intends to cooperate with DSCE and DEWA to organize the Solar Decathlon Middle East, but DOE is not serving as a co-host or sponsor of the Solar Decathlon Middle East. The Participants should not list DOE as a co-host or sponsor. DOE intends to coordinate with DSCE and DEWA for the use of the DOE logo and seal, which may be used in association with the Solar Decathlon Middle East only with prior written approval from DOE.

## **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 a minimum of five members, two from DOE, and three from the DSCE and DEWA, and an international representative as may be jointly determined by the Participants.
2. The Oversight Committee should provide periodic reports to the Participants on progress and plans, including a final report summarizing the success of the Dubai edition of the "Solar Decathlon Middle East" event. Final approval of plans and activities, and any future plans for subsequent competitions developed by the Oversight Committee, are intended to be the responsibility of the Participants.
3. The Participants intend for DSCE and DEWA to arrange for the funding necessary to organize and conduct the Solar Decathlon Middle East competition for the duration of this MOU. The DOE intends to continue providing its customary support for the duration of this MOU. Participation in the activities contemplated by this MOU is subject to the availability of funding, personnel, and other resources.
4. Except as may otherwise be decided in writing, all costs incurred in the course of activities carried out in connection with this MOU and the Solar Decathlon Middle East are to be borne by the Participant that incurs them.



5. Nothing in this MOU should be construed as giving rise to joint venture, agency, partnership, consortium or any other formal business organization.
6. Nothing in this MOU is intended to give rise to rights or obligations under international law.

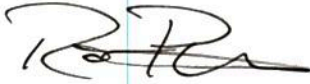
#### Section 4

##### Commencement, Modification, and Discontinuation

Cooperation under this MOU should commence upon signature and continue until 31 December 2020. 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. The discontinuation of cooperation by either DOE or both DSCE and DEWA constitutes discontinuation of this MOU.

Signed at Dubai, in triplicate, this 17th day of June 2015, in the English language.

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



Mr. Robert P. Waller  
U.S. Consul General



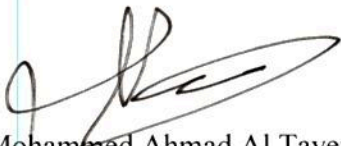
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