

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, April 18, 2013
4:30 – 5:03 PM Eastern Time

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Gil Sperling, STEAB DFO, Senior Management Technical Advisor, EERE, DOE.

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BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Roger Berliner , Council President, Montgomery County Council	X	
Ron Binz , Public Policy Consulting		X
Susan S. Brown , Deputy Administrator, Wisconsin Division of Energy	X	
Tom Carey , Director, Energy and Rehabilitation Programs, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal	X	
William Vaughn Clark , Director, Office of Community Development, Oklahoma Department of Commerce		X
John H. Davies , Director, Division of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Kentucky Office of Energy Policy	X	
David Gipson , Director, Energy Services Division, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority	X	
Philip Giudice , Chief Executive Office, Liquid Metal Battery Corporation		X
Paul Gutierrez , Vice Provost for Outreach Services, Associate Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, New Mexico State University	X	
Duane Hauck , Director, Extension Services, North Dakota State University	X	
Robert Jackson , Manager, Michigan Economic Development Office, Michigan Energy Office	X	
Elliott Jacobson , Vice President for Energy Services, Action Energy	X	
Maurice Kaya , Hawaii Renewable Energy Development Venture	X	
Ashlie Lancaster , Director, South Carolina Energy Office	X	
Lou Moore , Chief, Energy and Pollution Prevention Bureau, Montana	X	
Agnes Mrozowski , Assistant Deputy Director, Illinois State Energy Office		X
Frank Murray , President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
Steve Payne , Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce	X	
David Terry , Executive Director, ASERTTI	X	
Malcolm Woolf , Sr. Vice President, Policy and Government Affairs, Advanced Energy Economy	X	
Daniel Zaweski , Assistant Vice President - Energy Efficiency and Distributed Generation Program, Long Island Power Authority		X

Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

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Agenda Items:

1. Task Force Review and Updates:
 - a. DOE/USDA Task Force Duane Hauck
 - b. Weatherization Task Force Elliott Jacobson
 - c. SEP Task Force Lou Moore
 - d. Lab Task Force Robert Jackson
 2. SEE Action Executive Committee Update Frank Murray
 3. Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Update Gil Sperling
 4. SEP Evaluation Concerns and Questions Gil Sperling
 5. Public Comments Frank Murray
 6. Other/New Business Frank Murray
 - a. June STEAB meeting (June 25-26, 2013)
 - b. Fall STEAB meeting (September TBD)
- Frank Murray (FM) opened the Board call and asked for the Task force updates.
 - Duane Hauck (DH) provided the USDA/DOE Task Force update noting the larger Working Group called the State Energy Extension Partnership (SEEP) Working Group meet in Washington, DC in person on March 14th. Major items discussed were the connection between USDA's Rural Development and Cooperative Extension and State Energy Offices with this initiative. DH asked that Todd Campbell from Rural Development come and speak at the upcoming June STEAB meeting and provide an update on activities occurring within that arena. DH sees a lot of opportunities where Rural Development and EERE can work together to promote EE and RE in rural communities. He also added that STEAB will be presenting on behalf of SEP on April 30th at the upcoming National Energy Extension Summit and will discuss the MOU and push for more collaboration between USDA and DOE.
 - Elliott Jacobson (EJ) updated the Board on the activities of the Weatherization Task Force. He indicated the budget request that went in for FY 14 was an improvement from where the group was worried it may be. The Task Force meeting with DOE last December seemed to help make that number higher, but it is still below FY 2008 which was the pre-ARRA number. The Task Force felt it would have been nice to see the Program return to that same FY 08 number which would have been a restoration of the full Program. EJ added that he personally was looking for more details about how EERE and DOE arrived at the numbers for Weatherization in the budget for FY 14.
 - Gil Sperling (GS) noted the details of that exist within DOE, and he is working on getting more detailed information and numbers to forward to the Board. He added that EERE is 100% behind the President's budget, but noted trying to dig deep into the budget and figure out how this number was derived is difficult for the agency and also for OWIP.
 - Susan Brown (SB) commented that while she was reviewing the budget numbers it seemed there was a large set-aside within LIHEAP for what appears to be weatherization heating unit repair and replacement type of work. This is indicative of the talks that have gone on within EERE and other groups about how Weatherization and Fuel Assistance could dovetail to serve similar homes and families.
 - EJ asked for the Task Force to plan on a call for next week so that the group can focus on planning for the June live meeting and the steps the Task Force should take moving forward.

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- Steve Payne informed the STEAB about the upcoming live Weatherization Task Force meeting noting the idea is to take the first step to bring together STEAB NEADA, NASEO and NASCSP at an executive director level to dialogue about how all the organizations can work together to promote Weatherization, and enhance coordination.
- Lou Moore (LM) discussed the activities of the SEP Task Force indicating the group sent a letter to Kathleen Hogan asking for more details and information in response to a series of letters and correspondence the Task Force has engaged in with regard to not only the overall State Energy Program, but also the SEP National Evaluation. The response went out and the group will share details about what they hear back from EERE.
- In terms of the SEP National Evaluation, because of comments coming from states, the Task Force is questioning how states will be able to check information coming out of KEMA and ORNL since the information is being aggregated by the states and therefore it is hard to double-check that data to see if it is correct. A lot of states are concerned the contractors do not understand what they have before them and are being asked to report on. The Task Force chatted on the last call about how to interact with this evaluation team more and identified this as an issue to work on. The third area the Task Force is involved in is writing a letter to Dr. Danielson recommending how EERE should address sequester cuts that come from the SEP line item in the budget. This letter expressed how vital SEP is to states and request that portion of funds was left intact. LM asked this letter be from the larger Board and asked if the group had comments on the current draft they received via email for edits and comments.
- GS indicated that a FOA announcement will be going out very soon about this, but David Terry (DT) noted it was already out, and SEP will receive about \$36 million after sequester cuts. DT asked the letter to be sent out as soon as possible so it makes the largest impact at EERE. Additionally, DT expressed the same urgency with regard to an SEP Evaluation letter to DOE. If there are state issues with the evaluation, EERE should be made aware of those immediately.
- John Davies (JD) asked if LM and the Task Force was working with DT and NASEO to gather state issues regarding the evaluation. LM indicated she and DT had discussed this previously.
- DT noted there is a list of questions and concerns that will be circulated among the STEAB so the questions are consistent and comprehensive. Once that list is approved by STEAB, it will go to EERE.
- FM asked for a vote by the Board as to the letter to Dr. Danielson regarding SEP funding. The Board unanimously voted to send the letter as is, and LM promised to get the letter out via STEAB contract support by the end of the day.
- Robert Jackson (RJ) shared that the Lab Task Force met to discuss next steps and the goal is to ultimately catalogue the activities of the Labs and look at programs where Labs and private companies have successful partnerships, and areas where Labs and private industry have worked together to successfully commercialize products. The Task Force spoke with Argonne National Lab and discussed an ongoing project at that Lab with private industry and the Task Force is working to understand the relationship that exists and how the two groups find synergies. The Task Force will be studying these types of relationships and the amount of effort it takes the Lab to engage like this, so the group will have a better understanding of not only the level of effort, but also the monetary cost to the Lab. By studying this, the ultimate goal is to then create a proposal to the Assistant Secretary encouraging more collaboration and siting these successful case-studies and including lessons learned. RJ asked to have Jetta Wong attend the June STEAB meeting to discuss the new Advanced Manufacturing initiative within EERE, and also share her catalogue of what she has pulled together of activities underway at the Labs in terms of manufacturing.
- GS updated the group about the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee. He noted he will be focusing on the June STEAB Agenda over the next few weeks and will be reaching out to the group for their assistance and will certainly follow RJ's request and touch-base with Jetta Wong.

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- FM indicated there was no SEE Action Sub-Committee update and moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. He asked if there were members of the public on the call who would like to make a comment or ask a question. Seeing as there were no members of the public on the call, nor were there written requests submitted with comments or questions, FM closed that portion of the agenda and asked for an update on the June STEAB meeting.
- The contractor support replied noting the meeting would be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Arlington, VA, from June 25 – 26, 2013, and the room block information and flight details would be forthcoming to all members. She added that the fall STEAB meeting in Denver, CO would need to push-out several weeks due to a lack of availability in the area at hotels. She asked the group to please send their conflicts or suggestions for dates to her and GS so they could choose different fall dates to visit NREL.
- FM asked the Board if there was any outstanding old business. There was none, so he asked about new business. Seeing as there was none, he thanked the group for their participation and adjourned the call.

Teleconference minutes scribed by Emily Zuccaro, STEAB contractor support.