

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, December 18th, 2014
3:30 - 4:17 PM Eastern Time

TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Designated Federal Officer (DFO):

- Monica Neukomm, DFO, Sr. Policy Advisor, EERE, DOE.

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BOARD MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Jeff Ackermann , Director, Colorado Energy Office		X
Roger Berliner , Council President, Montgomery County Council		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
Marion Gold , Commissioner of Energy, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources		X
Robert Jackson , Director, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 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	
Katrina Metzler , Section Supervisor, Weatherization Office of Community Assistance, Ohio Development Services Agency	X	
Frank Murray , former President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority	X	
Steve Payne , Managing Director, Housing Improvements & Preservation, Department of Commerce	X	
William “Dub” Taylor , Director, Texas State Energy Conservation Office		X
David Terry , Executive Director, ASERTTI	X	
Ginger Willson , Director, Nebraska Energy Office	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, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Long Island.		X

Contractor Support & Other DOE Staff:

- Emily Zuccaro, SRA, International Inc.

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AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome of new DFO	Frank Murray
Task Force Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force- Weatherization Task Force- QER Task Force- States Needs Task Force	Monica Neukomm and Frank Murray
Update and Planning for January Board Meeting	Monica Neukomm
Public Comment	Frank Murray
Sharing of Recent Board Member Accomplishments	STEAB Members

- Frank Murray (FM), Chair of STEAB, opened the call and welcomed members to the December teleconference. He then introduced the new Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of STEAB, Monica Neukomm (MN).
- MN provided a brief background on her work with the Department of Energy (DOE), having been with the agency for five years starting off first in the Chief Financial Officers office supporting the Under-Secretary on budget work and then moving to work with Dr. Kathleen Hogan on energy efficiency work and the Better Buildings Program. Most recently she holds the Acting Director of Stakeholder Engagement position for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).
- FM then asked the Task Forces for updates from the four groups.
- Robert Jackson (RJ) went first from the US Energy Productivity and Economic Competitiveness Task Force. He and MN had been working with Jetta Wong and Joyce Yang for an update on the Small Business Voucher (SBV) Program as it relates to state and State Energy Office (SEO) engagement in the pilot program. RJ and the Task Force are concerned that the program is being developed in a way where the states will have no role which is counter to what STEAB had recommended and advised on in previous letters and white papers. RJ noted that either Ms. Wong or Ms. Yang would be coming to the January meeting to talk more about this with the Board, but the Task Force has other concerns as well.
- RJ went on to say that the Task Force wants to get more information from DOE about this program and understand the potential timeline and schedule for implementation, and review any metrics for measuring success. He and the Task Force have ideas of what a successful program would look like in terms of the number of companies involved, the number of companies taking advantage of the services, and the number of overall applications, etc., and wants to share those ideas with the agency before the Pilot Program rolls-out.

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- Ashlie Lancaster (AL) mentioned that a staffer from Savannah River National Lab met with Ms. Wong and Ms. Yang to discuss this Pilot Program as they had not been present at the October 2014 meeting in Washington, DC. AL noted the Lab was very interested in the SBV Pilot Program and it was his understanding that the kick-off for the Pilot could happen as early as January 2015.
- David Terry (DT) agreed saying that is what he has been hearing from Labs and state employees as well, but everyone is also saying that they are unaware of a SEO connection with this Pilot.
- MN thanked the Task Force for the update and indicated she would reach out to Ms. Wong and Ms. Yang before the January meeting to try and get more information about the Pilot and the timeframe for when it will launch.
- RJ indicated the Task Force would continue meeting as a group and engaging with DOE to learn more about the program and the different projects which are selected after roll-out. STEAB can continue to offer guidance to DOE on what they think a successful program will look like, and invite Ms. Wong and Ms. Yang to come to another Board meeting in 2015 to continue the discussion.
- AL agreed with RJ, but also wants to make sure that any documentation or update about the SBV which goes out in the next few weeks is shared with STEAB so the Task Force can review prior to the January meeting.
- FM thanked RJ and AL for their insight and then asked for a Weatherization Task Force update.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ) told the Board the Task Force hosted a teleconference the day before and worked to finalize details and the agenda for an upcoming Weatherization Stakeholder meeting on January 14th. Additionally, he let the group know that the Weatherization Program got a \$19 million increase in funding and it was one of the few programs which saw a funding increase with the 2015 budget and noted that the STEAB's continued support of the Program and advice to DOE was instrumental in getting this funding support.
- EJ also told the Board about the agenda topics of the upcoming Weatherization Stakeholder meeting. There are four agenda items which will be covered. They are as follows:
 1. WAP Quality Work Plan Requirements/Home Energy Professionals Certification process and discussion
 2. WAP National Evaluation: What is the potential release date and how can STEAB and WAP partners participate in the messaging
 3. FY 2016 and future appropriations plans and/or strategy for WAP
 4. Event and/or site visit for Dr. Danielson to a WAP Training Center in FY 2015
- FM then asked Malcolm Woolf (MW) to update the group on the activities of the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) Task Force. MW noted that DOE was actively engaged in outreach to states and localities when working on the year one report for the QER. He expects the final report to come out in January 2015. He also noted that as of recent months the Task Force has not been very active as their work with DOE on the year one report has wrapped-up and they are waiting to kick-off year two work with DOE. He reminded the group that year two is supposed to focus on supply and end-use infrastructure and hopes the Task Force is just as actively involved with the QER group on this issue as he feels STEAB has a lot of guidance and advice to share.
- FM agreed with MW and noted that the Task Force should engage with DOE on the status of the QER and have a staffer brief the Board on the year one outcomes, and tee-up the work needed for year two. That should be the next step for the Task Force as year two seems to have more relevance to STEAB and to the states.
- DT then provided the States Needs Task Force update. There is a final draft of a document ready for STEAB to review and provide comments and feedback. The theme of the letter surrounds 111(d) and STEAB's recommendations to EERE and DOE about the kind of technical assistance already available

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and needed to help states comply with 111(d). The letter outlines what is already being done, and identifies gaps and calls-out where there is an opportunity for the Office of Electricity to get involved with modeling to assist EERE and the states.

- FM thanked DT and hopes the Board can review the letter and provide feedback ASAP so the document can get to Dr. Danielson by January.
- MN moved onto the third agenda item which was discussing the upcoming live January Board meeting. She circulated a draft of the agenda, walked through each day and what she was hoping to do while in Washington, DC with the STEAB.
- Board members provided their feedback and comments asking for clarification on some of the proposed speakers and RJ suggested having someone from the Block Grant program area come to talk to the Board about incorporating energy efficiency into the Block Grants.
- Tom Carey (TC) noted that a representative from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would be at the meeting and that individual should be able to address that concern.
- MN asked the members to please email her with any other suggestions or questions about the agenda. FM told the members that the last day to make changes to the January agenda would be December 29th.
- FM then moved on to the Public Comment portion of the agenda. He asked if there were any members of the public on the call. Seeing as there were none, he moved on to the final agenda item.
- FM asked if there was any additional business, or other items of note to share. Seeing as there were none, he thanked the members for their participation on the December call and adjourned the teleconference at 4:17 pm.

Teleconference minutes were scribed by STEAB contractor support, Emily Zuccaro