

STEAB TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, January 24, 2013
3:30 – 4:16 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
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	
Dan Carol , Strategic Advisor/Organizational Consultant		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 Batter 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	
Peter Johnston , Project Manager, Clean Energy Technologies, Burns & McDonnell	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
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	
Janet Streff , Manager, State Energy Office, Minnesota Department of Commerce		X
David Terry , Executive Director, ASERTTI	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. Strategic Plan Task Force Paul Gutierrez
 - b. DOE/USDA Task Force Duane Hauck
 - c. Weatherization Task Force Elliott Jacobson
 - d. SEP Task Force Lou Moore
 - e. Lab Task Force Robert Jackson
2. Strategic Planning Sub-Committee Update Gil Sperling
3. Public Comments Gil Sperling
4. Other/New Business Gil Sperling
 - a. March 12 – 13, 2013 Meeting Update
 - b. June 2013 Meeting Location

- Gil Sperling (GS) opened the call and started by asking the group for the Task Force updates. He asked Paul Gutierrez (PG) to discuss the update for the Strategic Planning Task Force.
- PG indicated had no update for this as the Task Force did not meet in January.
- GS did note he is working with EERE staff to plan for another live meeting between the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee and EERE to discuss the natural gas initiative involving 22 states. Those meetings are pending and he will provide more details on the February call.
- David Terry (DT) added that NASEO has a few initiatives under way involving clean transportation. One is on electric vehicle state regulatory policy and the other is the with National Cooperative Gas Association regarding state policies on natural gas. These initiatives would tie in well to any discussion the Sub-Committee has with EERE.
- PG asked GS if EERE staff involved in these discussion would be coming to the March meeting and GS said he invited Mike Carr to attend.
- Duane Hauck (DH) provided the update on the USDA/DOE Task Force reminding the group the State Energy Extension Partnership (SEEP) Working Group continues to meet and is chaired by LeAnn Oliver of EERE and Beverly Samuel of USDA. The main topics of conversation are how to publicize the signing of the MOU between both agencies and how to begin strategic planning for this initiative to keep it relevant and successful. The Working Group will be meeting in person in Washington, DC on March 14, 2013, and PG has submitted a proposal for a presentation at the National Energy Extension Summit in Fort Collins, CO in April to discuss this partnership.
- John Davies (JD) noted his state of Kentucky also submitted a proposal to that meeting to discuss the SEEP work, and perhaps his state and PG can work together on a presentation. JD also asked about the publicity surrounding the MOU and GS noted he would follow-up with LeAnn Oliver on the status of that as he has heard mutterings about what Public Affairs is doing to get the word out, but nothing definitive has occurred as of yet.
- Elliott Jacobson (EJ) from the Weatherization Task Force reiterated the groups concern about the looming April 1st deadline and how many state programs hang in the balance due to funding issues. The Task Force is working with various advocacy groups in Washington, DC and the White House and OMB have been made aware of the precarious nature of the program should additional funding not be allocated to Weatherization post April.
- Steve Payne (SP) noted he met with OMB while in Washington, DC with NASCSP and explored the possibility of OMB asking Congress for a “revenue anomaly” which states that the assumptions made in FY 12 is no longer applicable in FY 13 and therefore more money

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could be allocated to Weatherization. Whether or not this ask occurs is TBD, but it was part of the discussion.

- GS asked if the Task Force knew of the status of getting Dr. Danielson out to see a Weatherization project in one of their states, but no one on the Task Force was aware of pending travel by the Assistant Secretary to see a project.
- David Gipson (DG) of the SEP Task Force noted the group sent a letter to Dr. Hogan on December 18, 2012 asking for clarification on the budget and other general SEP questions but the group is still waiting on a response. GS asked the Task Force to follow-up with him if no response was received by February 1st.
- Robert Jackson (RJ) gave the Lab Task Force update. The group had a conference call on January 23rd to discuss how to move Resolution 13-1 forward. The idea is to facilitate a conversation between DOE, labs and states to identify pathways and mechanisms to provide states with technical assistance and provide labs with opportunities and communities in which to test and roll-out new technology. The group is interested in looking at barriers to technology in the marketplace and helping labs overcome this. The Task Force is going to begin reaching out to labs like BNL, ORNL, NREL, PNNL and LBNL to start conversations with these labs about where they want to go and how STEAB and states can help them get there.
- PJ added that the Task Force would like to work in conjunction with NASEO to help states liaise with labs and bring together the NASEO representatives to discuss what current states needs are and then bring those needs to labs to see where there are crossovers in technology and research. DT agreed this was a good idea and a good starting point for these types of discussions and potential partnerships.
- When GS reminded the group that all lab activity has to have some sort of funding, Frank Murray (FM) responded the Task Force was thinking of this kick-off as being “pre-funding” and eventually if there was interest, then the next step would be identifying resources and maybe launching a pilot program that emphasized the economic development and commercialization aspect of putting labs in touch with SEO’s. GS agreed that was a good way to focus attention.
- PG then indicated the second agenda item with regard to the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee had already been addressed so he moved on to the third agenda item which was Public Comment.
- PG and GS asked if any members of the public would like to make comments or ask questions. None of the public indicated they wanted to comment, so PG then closed that portion of the meeting.
- PG asked if there was any additional business to discuss.
- GS informed the STEAB there will be a SEE Action Executive Committee meeting next week and Johanna Zetterberg will be talking about the connection between SEE Action and the STEAB’s SEE Action Sub-Committee. Should the Executive Committee identify any policies that affect the state level, then those will be brought to STEAB for discussion and debate. GS indicated he will follow-up with STEAB on the February call about the outcome of this SEE Action meeting.
- GS went on to say that DOE has recently received a number of requests from different states regarding energy innovative financing funds. Due to those requests, DOE is working on an effort to expand existing opportunities, but there are direct overlaps with STEAB on these issues and this is something the Board should look at and address at the March meeting.

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- Tom Carey (TC) asked about STEAB taking a look at resiliency planning within EERE and states so the states can better respond to events like Hurricane Sandy. He asked if this is something within the purview of the STEAB.
- GS noted DOE has a designated group working on this and perhaps we can bring someone to the meeting in March to discuss this topic.
- An update was then provided about the details of the upcoming March 2013 meeting and the contract support said more details would be forthcoming once the hotel contract at the Four Points by Sheraton was signed.
- PG asked for any additional new business. Seeing as there was none, he thanked the Board for participating in the January call.

Minutes were scribed by Emily Zuccaro, contractor support for the STEAB.