

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Committee (RE&EEAC) Meeting

Friday, August 19, 2011

1-4 p.m.

Via Conference Call

1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.

Welcome and Outline of Voting Procedures (**Karl Gawell/Brian O'Hanlon**)

1:10 p.m.-1:35 a.m.

Position on U.S. Domestic Policy

- Recommendation 1: The United States should establish a national level policy with binding clean energy targets to ensure a viable, stable, and long-term domestic market for RE&EE goods and services. (**Edward Lowe**)
- Recommendation 2: The Department of Energy should modify its mission to include the promotion of U.S. economic competitiveness. (**Edward Lowe**)
- Recommendation 3: The effect on U.S. economic competitiveness should be taken into account before entering into bilateral research and development partnerships and in the evaluation of the effectiveness of such partnerships. (**Edward Lowe**)
- Recommendation 4: The Department of Energy should add an evaluation of the potential export market into its grant and loan application and selection process to assure the U.S. is developing and commercializing RE&EE technologies that can be exported competitively. (**Brendan Herron**)

1:35 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Improve the E3 Framework to Increase U.S. RE&EE Export Competitiveness

- Recommendation 5: NIST/MEP and DOE/ITP should identify and adopt consistent international voluntary technical standards for RE&EE services and corresponding qualifications for E3 service providers. (**James Bradbury**)
- Recommendation 6: Through workforce training and professional qualification programs, EPA, DOE and DOL ETA should work with MEP centers and local businesses and a growing number of E3 partner organizations to expand client access to RE&EE expertise. (**James Bradbury**)
- Recommendation 7: Each E3 program client's work plan should include local Export Assistance Center services for pre-export and export strategy counseling and USPTO consultations on how to protect IPR and new technologies in foreign markets. (**James Bradbury**)

- 2:00 p.m.-2:20 p.m.** Increased Access to Financing
- Recommendation 8: Offer U.S. exporters a pre-export working capital loan guarantee to include expansion of U.S. manufacturing and services operations as a precursor to U.S. exports. **(John Smirnow/Jeffrey D’Souza)**
- 2:20 pm.-2:40 p.m.** Renewable Energy Industries – Structure and Factors Affecting Competitiveness
- Recommendation 9: USTR should instruct the ITC to conduct a Section 332 Report that examines the global import market for renewable energy products and services and demand projections in leading markets. This report should also identify trends of U.S. market share in key import markets. **(John Smirnow)**
 - Recommendation 10: DOE/EERE in cooperation with the national labs should study:
 - Structures of the global renewable energy industries, including supply chain relationships and foreign direct investment;
 - Global production, consumption, sales, financing mechanisms, research and development, and business innovation in the renewable energy sector;
 - Benchmark U.S. government policies and programs affecting RE&EE financing, R&D, and local production against key foreign competitors; and
 - Factors that may affect the future competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy industries through 2020. **(John Smirnow)**
- 2:40 p.m.-3:15 p.m.** Increased FDI for U.S. RE&EE Companies
- Recommendation 11: Create a template MOU to be signed by SelectUSA and individual foreign investment entities to facilitate the connection of U.S. RE&EE companies and foreign sources of capital. **(Jeffrey D’Souza/John Smirnow)**
- 3:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.** Preview and Discussion of September 15 Committee Meeting (Brian O’Hanlon)
- 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** Public Comments
- 4:00 p.m.** Adjourn