

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

**Meeting of the
Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee
To the Secretary of Commerce**

October 15, 2015

2pm – 3pm

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Recommendations: ExIm and Finance Support
2. Recommendations: Smart Cities Trade Mission

- **Welcome and Roll-Call (Drew Bennett, *Designated Federal Officer*)**
 - **Approximately 20 Committee member; 2 members of the public; both co-Designated Federal Officers; and 2 additional employees of the Department of Commerce on the call.**
 - **Participants introduced themselves on the call.**
 - **DFO noted that documents under discussion were currently draft working documents of the Sub-Committee. Following the meeting, they will be circulated to the public.**
- **Meeting opening and statement of objectives (Scott Sklar, *Committee Chair*)**
 - **Overview of Sub-Committee work to develop recommendations on:**
 - **1. Reforms to improve U.S. government support for RE and EE industry access to financing for international projects that drive exports.**
 - **2. Necessary steps to develop and execute successful Trade Missions in the Smart Cities sector.**
- **Proposed Recommendations from the Global Energy Delivery Sub-Committee (Scott Sklar, *Committee Chair*)**
 - **Summary of recommendations on improvements to U.S. government support and tools for financing international RE and EE projects.**

- Request for additional edits was met with multiple requests for edits. All edits were considered to be “minor” and/or “grammatical”.
- Proposal to pass recommendations with noted edits received unanimous support.
- **Proposed Recommendations from the Smart Communities Sub-Committee (Mita Burke, *Sub-Committee Chair*)**
 - Summary of recommendations on necessary steps for development and execution of smart cities trade missions with upcoming mission to India as focus.
 - Request for additional edits was met with one request for a minor edit.
 - Proposal to pass recommendations with noted edit received unanimous support.
- **Public Comment**
 - The DFO opened the call for the public comment period.
 - Hiroyuki Fujita, CEO of Quality Electrodynamics and a member of the Secretary of Commerce’s Manufacturing Council.
 - Mr. Fujita provided background on the Manufacturing Council’s Energy Sub-Committee and presented draft recommendations on renewable energy trade missions. [*See attached: H Fujita Public Comments*]
 - A discussion on target markets for trade missions and U.S. competitiveness across a number of renewable energy sub-sectors ensued.
 - REEEAC members provided direct feedback to the Energy Sub-Committee’s draft recommendations, and additional suggested edits and other input was circulated to Mr. Fujita via the DFO.
- **Next Steps and Closing**
 - REEEAC Chair and DFO agreed to finalize recommendations and send to the Secretary of Commerce within one week.

- **The Secretary of Commerce has been invited to participate in the next full Committee meeting, tentatively planned for February 2nd.**