

U.S. Department of Commerce

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee

Fourth Charter, 2016-2018

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommendation #1 (March 22, 2017):** The recommendation encourages the Secretary to support financing and project preparation programs at the Export-Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the U.S. Trade and Development Agency by supporting leadership nominations at each agency. This recommendation was drafted in response to the FY2018 President’s Budget request. [*Lead Authors: Ken Kramer & Slav Gatchev*]
- **Recommendation #2 (June 21, 2017):** The recommendation encouraged the Secretary to support renewable energy and energy efficiency messaging in official documents (e.g., White House Website Energy First Plan), a study to benchmark foreign government actions to support export of related technologies, and continue to promote export of U.S. technologies through global programmatic efforts. [*Lead Author: Ken Kramer*]
- **Recommendation #3 (July 27, 2017):** The recommendation advocates for the creation of a “Energy Export Express (E3)” Program at EXIM to improve access for small projects financing. [*Lead Author: Slav Gatchev*]
- **Recommendation #4 (July 27, 2017):** This recommendation advocates for key renewable energy and energy efficiency industry (RE&EE) issues in NAFTA negotiations. [*Lead Author: Jorge Sanchez & Mita Burke*]
- **Recommendation #5 (September 28, 2017):** This recommendation suggests increasing the collection and publication of industry data and case studies for public and U.S. Government consumption. [*Lead Author: Zolaikha Strong & Laura Van Wie McGrory*]
- **Recommendation #6 (September 28, 2017):** This recommendation encourages increasing foreign stakeholder awareness of U.S. “market pull programs” (e.g., Energy Star); increasing the transparency of U.S. Exports resulting from U.S. Government funded activities; and convening interagency training on RE&EE trade policy. [*Lead Author: Scott Sklar*]
- **Recommendation #7 (September 28, 2017):** This recommendation suggests increasing standards related training as part of U.S. Government programs in key markets. [*Lead Author: Jonathan Stewart*]
- **Recommendation #8 (September 28, 2017):** This recommendation emphasizes increasing DOC engagement in international standards development processes. [*Lead Author: Jonathan Stewart*]
- **Recommendation #9 (November 16, 2017):** This recommendation encourages enhancing industry outreach and DOC coordination on natural disaster response in Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin

Islands. This recommendation was a direct result of EDA seeking input from the REEEAC following a presentation during their November 16 meeting. [*Lead Author: Scott Sklar*]

- **Recommendation #10 (February 22, 2018):** This recommendation asks the Secretary to diplomatically address and encourage the removal of local content requirements on fuel grade ethanol U.S. exports to India. [*Lead Author: Kelly Davis*]

- **Pending Recommendation:** REEEAC may ask the Secretary to encourage USTDA to include in its feasibility study Grant Agreements a requirement that will allow for products built to North American Standards, where applicable, should a final project move forward. [*Lead Author: Jonathan Stewart*]

- **Pending Recommendation:** REEEAC may suggest DOC host a series of webinars designed by the REEEAC and targeted towards priority global market regions, highlighting U.S. leadership in providing solutions to rapidly emerging grid needs. [*Lead Author: Arthur Haubenstock*]

- **Pending Recommendation:** REEEAC may suggest that DOC host a series of internal presentations and webinars designed by the REEEAC within DC-based multilateral institutions highlighting U.S. breadth and depth of leadership providing solutions to rapidly emerging global needs. [*Lead Author: Scott Sklar*]