

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2013

Attendees: Tina Halfpenny-DOER, Chair, Christina Dietrich-ENE, Elliott Jacobson-Low Income/LEAN, Paul Johnson-Small ESCOs, Carol White-NGrid, Lisa Shea-NU, Rita Carvalho-LEAN, Shaela Collins & Emmett Lyne-RichMay, Eric Belliveau- Council Consultants. Steve Venezia, Alissa Whiteman, and Ian Finlayson-DOER.

Halfpenny called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Topics for Discussion: Database Working Group; Consultant Budget; September EEAC agenda; C&I Update; 2012 Deep Dive; Best Practices Working Group; Database Scoping; and Combined Heat & Power (CHP).

Halfpenny stated that after the ratification by the full Council she had contacted Energy Platforms to inform them of the award of the Database scoping consultant bid. Energy Platforms will be attending the next EEAC meeting in September. The DOER will be meeting with Energy Platforms on September 9th. Then the discussion turned toward the composition of the Database Working Group. The discussion centered on the need for the Working Group to be composed of members more involved with the nuts and bolts of database requirements and data needs, generally.

Energy Platforms will conduct interviews with subcommittee members to gauge their preferences regarding what the database should be: its capabilities, purposes & parameters. To represent the PA perspective Lisa Shea, Lynn Westerlind and Monica Cohen are to be interviewed by Energy Platforms. John Howat would represent LEAN on the Working Group but NOT be a proxy [voter] for LEAN regarding any of the specifics for the database.

Optimal Contract supplement:

Eric Belliveau made a request that Optimal's budget be increased. Part of the justification for the increase is the recent addition of Margi Lynch and Courtney Moriarta who are now up to speed dealing with residential matters considered by the Council. Moriarta has already exhausted most of her hours previously allocated and Michael Blasnick another new hire, would be reduced to 1.9 hours per week under the current budget.

Belliveau thought that they would need another 40 hours per month for the next 4 months to perform the work necessary. Optimal is thus requesting approximately another \$30,000 increasing the hours allotted to these tasks from 72 to 112 hours in all. Belliveau then passed around a memo to various members of the Executive Committee describing the need and justification for the additional \$30,000 sought.

Belliveau stated that the Optimal team would be "bunching" hours to maximize the efficacy of resources and advised the Executive Committee that the time to have the Residential team

doing their “best” work is now. He further stated that Ralph Prah’s EM&V work foresees another \$10,000 possibly being needed but that this figure is subsumed within the request for the additional \$30,000. Belliveau said there was no additional request for C+I work.

A resolution will be drafted that seeks to increase Optimal’s contract by \$30,000 and that this draft resolution will be offered at the next EEAC meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Alissa Whiteman of the DOER entered the meeting at 10:10 followed by Ian Finlayson of the DOER at 10:17 am.

Whiteman interjected that an amendment to the consultant contract for \$30,000 would be needed, if the Council were to approve the supplemental appropriation for Optimal.

### **September Agenda Discussion:**

Halfpenny led the discussion to the particulars concerning a PA Presentation to the Council to update it regarding current status of C+I sector efforts in 2013 and potentially a second presentation about 2012 Deep Dive whereby a retrospective of the C+I results of the last 3 Year Plan and the challenges in the C+I sector.

There was consensus that the Council Consultants would give a presentation concerning the results gained over the First Three-Year Plan 2010-2012 and provide their analysis and identify possible trends within the data.

There followed a brief discussion about the general accessibility of data, even though there already was availability on the EEAC website, especially as regards EM+V studies.

### **Best Practices Working Group:**

The desire of the Best Practices Working Group to present was addressed. However, nobody has contacted Halfpenny with regard to making a presentation. Christine McEachern has, however, contacted Lyn Huckabee to inform the EEAC about achievements over the past year. Johnson said that he also wanted to discuss concerns that have arisen during the year and he reminded the Executive Committee that the BPWG just conducted elections. This remains a tentative agenda item for the near future.

### **Database Scoping Exercise:**

Halfpenny stated that Energy Platforms will be meeting with the DOER on September 9, 2013 to explore ways & means to have Council members share their views and expectations concerning a statewide energy efficiency database.

### **Combined Heat + Power (CHP):**

A CHP Presentation is in the works. Dinesh Pratel of National Grid is available to present. Merging Pratel’s subject matter within the larger PA presentation for the C+I Update was discussed. The possibility of the DOER’s John Ballam as a presenter was cited.

Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) + Clean Energy & Climate Plan (CECP):

Halfpenny wanted to approach the Program Administrators about information concerning overall goals and assumptions in the CECP. DEP and the DOER would present at an upcoming EEAC meeting: a “status quo update” which is anticipated to include improvements to the Building Code; reflect the emissions numbers assumed in the Three-Year Plan that relied on the negotiated Term Sheets; and advance the proposition that these numbers are consistent with the CECP goals. It was further mentioned that a 2015 Report on the CECP is expected to issue. The assumptions embedded within the CECP will be part of the presentation by the DEP and the DOER. The parties will collaborate and plan to make this presentation at the October meeting of the EEAC.

Data Dashboard:

There was consensus that the PAs would present their monthly Data Dashboard at the September meeting of the full Council.

Halfpenny adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.