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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### State Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Teleconference

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a teleconference call of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, February 19th 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET). To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Monica Neukomm, Policy Advisor, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20585. Phone number 202-287-5189, and email [moinca.neukomm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:moinca.neukomm@ee.doe.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives, programmatic and administrative policies, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

*Tentative Agenda:* Receive STEAB Task Force updates on action items and revised objectives for FY 2015, discuss follow-up discussion opportunities and engagement with EERE staff who participated in the January meeting, discuss upcoming FY 2015 Board meetings, and receive updates on member activities within their states.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Monica Neukomm at the

address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the meeting; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

*Minutes:* The minutes of the meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site at: [www.steab.org](http://www.steab.org).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Quadrennial Technology Review Framing Document

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Energy, Quadrennial Technology Review Task Force, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or Department) has initiated the second Quadrennial Technology Review (QTR). The DOE-QTR-2015 Framing Document has been developed as a principle means of facilitating stakeholder engagement in the QTR process. The framing document describes the Nation's energy landscape and challenges, important research, development, demonstration and deployment (RDD&D) opportunities across energy supply and end-uses in working towards addressing U.S. energy-linked economic, environmental, and national security challenges. The insight gained from QTR process will provide essential information for decision-makers as they develop funding decisions, approaches to public-private partnerships, and other strategic actions over the next five years.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted on or before February 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the framing document can be found at <http://www.energy.gov/qtr>.

Comments may be submitted electronically to: [DOE-QTR2015@hq.doe.gov](mailto:DOE-QTR2015@hq.doe.gov) or by U.S. mail to the Office of the Under Secretary of Science and Energy, S-4, QTR Meeting Comments, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Sam Baldwin, S-4, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-0927. Email: [DOE-QTR2015@hq.doe.gov](mailto:DOE-QTR2015@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The nation faces serious energy-linked economic, environmental, and security challenges. Addressing these challenges requires an aggressive plan for our science and energy enterprise while ensuring that America maintains its leadership in a broad range of science and technology activities. These activities include basic and applied research in the physical sciences, developing the next generation of computational technology and developing and maintaining world class scientific user facilities. The output of the QTR process will be coordinated with the Quadrennial Energy Review (QER). These planning products will build and extend existing strategic, program and budget planning activities within the Science and Energy offices and are expected to inform ongoing budget discussions.

The QTR 2015, focusing on DOE energy technology RDD&D activities, builds upon the first QTR in 2011, and complements the work of the QER, which focuses on government-wide energy policy. The 2011 QTR was developed in response to the Report to the President on "Accelerating the Pace of Change in Energy Technologies through an Integrated Federal Energy Policy" by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. The first QTR defined a framework for understanding and discussing energy system challenges, established a set of priorities for the Department, and explained to stakeholders the roles of DOE and the national laboratories, the broader government, the private sector, academia, and innovation in energy transformation.

QTR 2015 will describe the nation's energy landscape and the dramatic changes that have taken place in the last four years. Specifically, it will begin by building on the first QTR and identifying what has changed in the technologies reviewed within it since 2011. It will then identify the RDD&D activities, opportunities, and pathways forward to help address our national energy challenges. QTR 2015 will approach the analysis from a strong systems perspective, it will explore the integration of science and energy technology RDD&D, it will examine cross-cutting technology RDD&D, and it