

## EECBG & SEP South-Central Regional Peer Exchange Speaker Biographies

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The US Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to introduce you to the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) facilitators and grantee speakers for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and State Energy Program (SEP) South-Central Regional Peer Exchange Meeting. Brief biographies of each featured speaker you'll be hearing from at this event are provided below in the order that they appear in the meeting agenda.

➤ **Pam Mendelson: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program, DOE, Washington, DC**

Pam Mendelson is the TAP Liaison for the EECBG Program at DOE in Washington, DC. Her responsibilities include ensuring TAP provides EECBG recipients with the resources needed to swiftly implement successful and sustainable clean energy programs. Prior to her work on ARRA, Ms. Mendelson managed state projects funded by DOE on industrial energy efficiency, industrial climate partnership program, and integration of energy efficiency and renewable energy (EERE) technologies into Clean Air Act state implementation plans. Pam was also a founding contributor to the US Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary Green Power Partnership Program and designed and implemented major recognition activities for eight years to encourage adoption of renewable energy in Green Power Markets. Pam holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and a M.S. in Natural Resource Policy from the University Of Michigan School Of Natural Resources.

**Ms. Mendelson will welcome attendees on behalf of the DOE TAP.**

➤ **Laurence Doxsey: Director of Environmental Policy, City of San Antonio, TX**

Laurence Doxsey joined the City of San Antonio in July 2008 as director of the Office of Environmental Policy. The Office of Environmental Policy is designated to be a lead facilitator in the City's efforts toward incorporating sustainable practices within City operations and at the community level. Laurence came to the City from the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he served as Environmental Officer for several areas and Energy Coordinator for a five state region. He has a strong background in sustainable development with a background working as Sustainability Officer for the City of Austin, spearheading development of the nation's first green building program, and as a former business owner focused on renewable energy and energy efficiency products and services. With over 30 years experience in sustainability programming, Laurence has been very active in numerous organizations relating to green building, environmental education, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and rainwater harvesting.

**Mr. Doxsey is a panelist for the group discussion on the Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (MOU).**

➤ **Jeff McCullough: Senior Research Engineer, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA**

Jeff McCullough is a Senior Research Engineer with the DOE's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory located in Richland, Washington. His main area of focus has been in commercializing energy-efficient technologies, particularly lighting and HVAC systems. Mr. McCullough led development of the first-ever ENERGY STAR® criteria for solid-state lighting and most recently completed the Lumen Maintenance Test Facility, which tests submissions for the L-Prize™ competition. The L-Prize is the first "X-Prize" for lighting and challenges the industry to develop a super-efficient LED-based replacement to the common incandescent "A" and "PAR" lamps. Mr. McCullough received a Presidential Energy Management award in 2004 for leadership in PNNL's campus-wide energy management program. He is Lighting Certified through the National Council for the Lighting Professional and a Certified Energy Manager through the Association of Energy Engineers. Mr. McCullough holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a B.A. in Business Administration, both from Washington State University.

**Mr. McCullough is the technical moderator for Panel Session A: Best Practices in Energy Efficiency.**

➤ **Curtis Cole: Energy Program Manager, Arapahoe County, CO**

Curtis Cole is Energy Program Manager for Arapahoe County Government Facilities and Fleet Management division. He is responsible for managing an \$11 million Energy Savings Performance Contract; a \$630,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant; and energy efficiency analysis for building acquisitions and remodels. He is also the team leader for Facilities commissioning and recommissioning and coordinates closely with operations and maintenance staff on efficiency, controls, and comfort issues. Curt is a Certified Energy Manager and Certified Energy Auditor and has an M.S. from Purdue University. With over twenty years of experience as an energy and facilities engineer in local government, high technology, financial services, and health care sectors, he is a member of the Association of Energy Engineers and its local chapter, the Colorado Energy Strategy Group and the International Facility Management Association.

**Mr. Cole is a panelist for Panel Session A: Best Practices in Energy Efficiency.**

➤ **Dennis Lilley: Project Coordinator, Austin Energy, City of Austin, TX**

Dennis Lilley is a member of Austin Energy's Municipal Energy Conservation Program. He has been involved in identifying and implementing energy efficiency and conservation projects in public and private sector facilities for over 25 years. Dennis is an Association of Energy Engineers Certified Energy Manager and a Project Management Institute Project Management Professional.

**Mr. Lilley is a panelist for Panel Session A: Best Practices in Energy Efficiency and the group discussion on Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (MOU).**

➤ **Bret Kadison: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program, DOE**

Bret Kadison is the Financial Market Development Team Lead at the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. In this role, he is responsible for advancing clean energy financing through public programs, policy strategies and private-sector partnerships. Mr. Kadison previously served as a Vice President of Washington Mutual Bank, where he restructured the commercial banking strategy through refocusing on small, under-banked firms. Mr. Kadison also worked for Bridge Strategy Group as a consultant advising foreign and domestic energy-sector clients on integrating sustainable energy and acquisitive / organic growth into their corporate strategies. Additionally, as a consultant with Deloitte, he advised firms in nine countries on four continents on global business strategies and operating models. Mr. Kadison holds an M.B.A. from the University Of Chicago Booth Graduate School Of Business with a concentration in Economics and Strategic Management and a B.B.A. from Emory University.

**Mr. Kadison is the technical moderator for Panel Session B: Financing Mechanisms.**

➤ **Tracey Graham: Energy Efficiency Program Manager, Energy Division, City of Shreveport**

Tracey Graham is the Energy Efficiency Program Manager for the City of Shreveport Energy Division. Through the City of Shreveport Energy Program, she is responsible for working with various energy efficiency programs, including an energy audit program, financial programs to fund retrofits, education and outreach programs and various other initiatives. Her areas of interest include energy financing programs and contractor certification as it pertains to energy retrofits. A City of Shreveport employee since February 2011, she has over 16 years of financial and community outreach work where she assisted various groups in the community fill the gap in needs (financial) of the people they served. She received a B.S. in Accounting from Grambling State University.

**Ms. Graham is a panelist for Panel Session B: Financing Mechanisms.**

➤ **John Porter: Assistant Director, Environmental Services, City of Laredo, TX**

John Porter is the Assistant Director of the Environmental Services Department with the City of Laredo and has over thirteen years of experience in the environmental field. He has a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in business information systems from Texas A&M International University.

**Mr. Porter is a panelist for Panel Session B: Financing Mechanisms.**

➤ **Steve Kismohr: Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance**

Steve Kismohr is MEEA's Senior Technical Manager, supporting municipal grantees of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He provides the tools and resources necessary for grantees to implement successful and sustainable energy efficiency projects and programs throughout MEEA's thirteen state region. Steve also contributes on the technical aspects of MEEA's building science and energy code related work. Prior to joining MEEA, Steve completed 15 years as a Project Architect and Sustainable Design Consultant either as a sole practitioner or within architectural firms located in the Midwest. His expertise includes implementation of building science techniques, integrated design and charrette facilitation, and coordination of energy technologies. He has also championed the LEED green building certification for 13 different projects, spanning residential, commercial, and industrial building types. Steve is a Registered Architect in the State of Illinois and a LEED Accredited Professional with specialty in Building Design and Construction. Mr. Kismohr received his Bachelors of Environmental Design from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and his Master of Architecture from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Mr. Kismohr is the technical moderator for Session C: Transportation Planning.**

➤ **Bill Barker: Senior Management Analyst, Office of Environmental Policy, City of San Antonio, TX**

Bill Barker is a Senior Management Analyst in the City of San Antonio's Office of Environmental Policy. He has been leading the Office's sustainability efforts in transportation, land development and urban planning. With 44 years of professional experience in both the public and private sectors, he is a Fellow in the Institute of Transportation Engineers and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He has a Bachelors in Physics and a Masters in Urban Affairs.

**Mr. Barker is a panelist for Panel Session C: Transportation Planning.**

➤ **Julia McCleary, AICP: Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department, City of Fort Worth, TX**

Julia McCleary is the Senior Planner for the Planning and Development Department for the City of Fort Worth. She is responsible for the bicycle and pedestrian transportation planning programs. For the City, she has implemented bicycle policies aimed at decreasing vehicle trips. Julia is a member of the American Institute for Certified Planners (AICP) and Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. She received a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Michigan University.

**Ms. McCleary is a panelist for Panel Session C: Transportation Planning.**

➤ **Jessica Balsam: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program, DOE**

Jessica Balsam leads the SEP Communications Team at the DOE. She is responsible for facilitating communication among State Energy Office partners, stakeholders and SEP staff as well as creating a strategy to tell the success stories of SEP Recovery Act funds. Prior to joining the DOE, Jessica worked as a Sustainability Specialist for the Department of Administrative Services at the State of Oregon. She holds an MBA with a focus in Sustainability and Strategic Marketing from Willamette University and a BA in Sociology from Linfield College.

**Ms. Balsam is the technical moderator for Panel Session D: A Guide to Community Outreach.**

➤ **Julia Diana: Sustainable Transportation Analyst, Office of Environmental Policy, City of San Antonio**

Julia Diana is a sustainable transportation analyst for the City of San Antonio's Office of Environmental Policy. She runs the "San Antonio Bikes" program and is currently overseeing key projects such as a comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan, establishment of a downtown bike share system, and a bicycle safety and awareness media campaign. The city was just awarded "Bicycle Friendly Community" status at the bronze level by the League of American Bicyclists. Julia received her Master of Science degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas School of Architecture. Her previous professional background is in business and marketing, and she has worked both domestically and internationally for a number of major retail corporations. She is a member of the American Planning Association, the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, Women in Transportation Seminar, and the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee.

**Ms. Diana is a panelist for Panel Session D: A Guide to Community Outreach.**

➤ **Kylah McNabb: Program Manager, State Energy Office, Oklahoma Department of Commerce**

Kylah McNabb serves as the Renewable Energy Development Specialist in the State Energy Office, which is managed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Kylah formerly was with the Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative (OWPI) a collaborative research group housed at the University of Oklahoma. She has experience in private wind development and wind industry research and development. In her current role at the State Energy Office, she works with the programs of SEP, EECBG, Energy Assurance Planning and the Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program.

**Ms. McNabb is a panelist for Panel Session D: A Guide to Community Outreach.**

➤ **Todd Allen: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program, DOE**

Todd Allen, Project Officer in the Department of Energy's Golden Field Office, oversees 13 EECBG awards in Texas. His responsibilities include ensuring program compliance, providing technical assistance to grantees, facilitating project management, and reporting on project impact and best practices. Prior to joining DOE, Todd was a Project Manager for the Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program where he helped clients implement efficient processes, visual workplaces, and growth strategies to increase customer value. From 1995-1998, Todd was a Marketing Manager for a publishing company serving the alternative fuel vehicle industry and was tasked with developing new products to augment the flagship publication as well as help organizations build awareness for their natural gas vehicle programs. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Todd has a B.S. degree in Business from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and a M.S. degree in Marketing from the University of Colorado at Denver.

**Mr. Allen is the technical moderator for the group discussion on the Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (MOU).**

➤ **Monica DeAngelo: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program, DOE**

Monica DeAngelo, Branch Chief for the EECBG Project Officers, manages a 13-person team who are responsible for a portfolio of over 550 formula and competitive grants, in addition to leading several EECBG initiatives. Monica came to DOE from private consulting, where she was responsible for the energy R&D congressional earmarks portfolio and led the alternative fuel/renewable energy R&D support team for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA-Energy). Monica's work included: providing technical input for the first DOD program to generate hydrogen from solar power; calculating energy savings through more energy efficient DOD equipment procurement; and analyzing the security benefits of net-zero plus energy production. She also led business development initiatives for the firm and co-authored 'The Federal Leaders Guide to Climate Change' (contained in the Library of Congress). A native of Scranton, PA, Monica has a B.S. In Environmental Engineering from Wilkes University, Wilkes Barre, PA and a M.S. in Earth and Environmental Engineering from Columbia University, New York, NY.

**Ms. DeAngelo is the technical moderator for the group discussion on the Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (IOU).**

➤ **Jeremy Epstein: Commercial Energy Efficiency, Boulder County, CO**

Jeremy Epstein is a commercial energy efficiency specialist with the Boulder County EnergySmart program. In this Better Buildings grant-funded position, Jeremy works with engaging the business community in Boulder County through EnergySmart's programs in order to help them reduce energy and save money. Jeremy has also been engaged in developing finance options for Boulder County EnergySmart including a residential Microloans program. In addition, he manages the EnergySmart Energy Assessments service with a goal of performing assessments in and engaging 2,900 businesses throughout the county over the duration of the Better Buildings program. Jeremy received a Masters of Environmental Studies with a focus on climate change policy from The Evergreen State College in 2009.

**Mr. Epstein is a panelist for the group discussion on the Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (IOU).**

➤ **James Masters: City of Fort Worth, TX**

James Masters, CEM, CIA is an energy professional specializing in budgeting and forecasting, procurement and energy efficiency and construction auditing. Mr. Masters has over 25 years in utility experience covering rate design and financial planning, internal auditing and energy management covering the utility industry and retail industry. Currently, Mr. Masters is managing the EECBG program for the City of Fort Worth.

**Mr. Masters is a panelist for the group discussion on the Continuation of Sustainability Programs post-ARRA (IOU).**

➤ **Micah Brill: South-Central Regional Coordinator, ICF International**

Micah Brill is the South Central Regional Coordinator for the DOE EECBG Program. Since August 2009, Mr. Brill has been working with the DOE on the EECBG program. Over this time, he has reviewed the initial applications for grant funds and has coordinated the grant administration and project implementations with DOE project officers and various staff within the Technical Assistance Network. As a Regional Coordinator, he has worked towards connecting grantees to technical resources and best practices, providing one-on-one technical assistance, and creating a peer network of local government energy practitioners.

**Mr. Brill is a Co-Chair of the South-Central Regional Peer Exchange Meeting.**

➤ **Zach Abrams: ICF International**

Zach Abrams is an Associate with ICF International, in the Federal Energy Efficiency Programs Division. He is also the North-Central Regional Coordinator for the TAP. Zach has 1 year of experience supporting EECBG and SEP grantees, working as a grant specialist in the DOE's Office of Acquisition and Financial Assistance, as well as working to help Better Building grantees re-scope their grant applications, in addition to being a local Regional Coordinator. Zach attended the University of Michigan for undergraduate studies, and holds an MA in Public Policy from the University of Southern California.

**Mr. Abrams is a Co-Chair of the South-Central Regional Peer Exchange Meeting.**

➤ **Jennifer Clymer: ICF International**

Jennifer Clymer is a Senior Associate with ICF International's Energy, Environment & Transportation group. Ms. Clymer has over nine years of experience in the public and private sectors championing and implementing sustainable practices, primarily related to resource conservation, air quality, and climate change. She has expertise in evaluating and communicating the environmental benefits of energy and transportation demand management programs, from both a behavioral and technological perspective. Before returning to ICF International in August 2010, Ms. Clymer worked for Austin Energy / City of Austin, where she was instrumental in implementing the Austin Climate Protection Program and related sustainability initiatives. Ms. Clymer also has state legislative experience as an energy and natural resources policy aide for a Texas legislator.

**Ms. Clymer is a Co-Chair of the South-Central Regional Peer Exchange Meeting.**