

EECBG & SEP Midwest Regional Peer Exchange Speaker Biographies

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The Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to introduce you to the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) facilitators and Grantee Speakers for the EECBG & SEP Midwest Regional Peer Exchange Meeting. Brief biographies of each featured speaker you'll be hearing from at this event are provided below.

➤ **Molly Lunn: EECBG & SEP Technical Assistance Program**

Marion "Molly" Lunn is the lead for DOE's EECBG and SEP Technical Assistance Program (TAP). In this role, she is responsible for connecting state, local and tribal officials with tools and resources needed to build clean energy capacity in their communities. Molly came to DOE as a Presidential Management Fellow, and in addition to technical assistance has supported communications and tribal efforts for DOE's Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program. Prior to joining DOE, Molly was with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control, and also had previous experience at Sustainable South Bronx, DLA Piper LLP, and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. She received her Masters of Public Administration (MPA) in environmental science and policy from Columbia University.

Ms. Lunn will welcome attendees on behalf of the DOE Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

➤ **Vickie Healey: National Renewable Energy Laboratory**

Vickie Healey is a project leader and analyst working in Deployment and Market Transformation at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). When she first joined NREL in January 2003, Vickie worked with the State and Local Initiatives Group where she was a member of the team that first launched DOE's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Since that time, Vickie has worked with NREL's National Bioenergy Center where she supervised the Research Support Section, and currently coordinates technical assistance delivery for Team 5 (Lab) TAP requests, for grant recipients of the Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP), and for Federal agencies through DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP). Prior to joining NREL, Vickie worked for the Colorado State Senate where she managed the legislative docket. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Policy and a Bachelors degree in Science and Technology, both from the University of Denver.

Ms. Healey is the technical moderator for Session A: Midwest Initiatives for Energy Projects: EECBG and Post-EECBG.

➤ **Jennifer Pollitt: City of Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Jennifer Pollitt is the Sustainability Coordinator with the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Her position is funded through the EECBG grant but links with several existing environmental groups including the Sustainable Green Bay committee. Jennifer is responsible for implementing several energy efficient building retrofits and coordinating the City's Home Energy Audit Rebate Program. She has executed several other programs including the City Hall Kill-A-Watt Challenge, Energy Solutions Series and Demolition Recycling Directory throughout her tenure with the City of Green Bay. Jennifer received her MPA from Indiana University, specializing in Public Finance and Local Government Management. Jennifer enjoys linking sustainability initiatives with saving tax payer money. She looks forward to speaking with other EECBG awardees at the Argonne National Laboratory.

Ms. Pollitt is a panelist in Session A: Midwest Initiatives for Energy Projects: EECBG and Post-EECBG.

➤ **Jay Wrobel: *Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance***

Mr. Wrobel is the Executive Director of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA). Jay has been with MEEA for nearly four years, most recently serving as Acting Executive Director and Director of Programs. At MEEA, Jay was instrumental in the creation of the HVAC System Analysis for Verified Efficiency (SAVE) program, the Participating Energy Efficiency Contractor (PEEC) network, and designing the State of Illinois appliance rebate program. Jay has over 12 years experience in the energy, efficiency and sustainability fields. In those years, Jay worked at the Gas Technology Institute where he developed and managed projects addressing the economic and environmental impacts of community energy planning, energy efficiency and distributed and renewable energy deployment. He also worked in the Environmental Strategy group at Cambridge Energy Research Associates (CERA) where he analyzed natural gas and power markets, developed forecasts of future technology integration, and served as researcher on climate change issues and environmental strategies for energy companies. Before getting his master's degree in Energy and Environmental Analysis from Boston University, he was on the trading floor of the Chicago Board of Trade after graduating with an economics degree from the University of Chicago.

Mr. Wrobel is a panelist in Session A: Midwest Initiatives for Energy Projects: EECBG and Post-EECBG.

➤ **Alyson Grady: *State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity***

Alyson Grady joined the Illinois Energy Office of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in December 2009 after nearly a decade working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. As the state's Renewable Energy Manager, she oversees all programs promoting solar, wind, biofuel, and other renewable energy sources. While serving at IEPA, Alyson worked on developing wetland and stream program initiatives at the State and Federal level, as well as coordinating with numerous state and federal agencies for project development and permitting activities. Since joining DCEO, she has been responsible for directing projects and programs made possible under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as well as the state Renewable Energy Resources Program and the Energy Efficiency Portfolio. Alyson received her B.S. in Biology –with a concentration in Chemistry – in May 1995 from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). She lives in Chatham, Illinois with her husband and three children.

Ms. Grady is a panelist in Session A: Midwest Initiatives for Energy Projects: EECBG and Post-EECBG.

➤ **Jeff Pillon: *National Association of State Energy Officials***

Jeff Pillon is the Midwest Regional Coordinator and the Director of Energy Assurance for the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO). He coordinates and provides technical support and assistance to Midwest States Energy Offices for the State Energy Programs and other State energy initiatives. As Director of Energy Assurance he provides support to states who have received federal funding to update their energy emergency response plans and plans to enhance the resiliency of critical energy infrastructure. Mr. Pillon worked for the State of Michigan from 1973 to 2009. During much of this time he was Manager of Energy Data & Security for the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and was responsible for monitoring energy supply and demand, short term energy forecasting, emergency preparedness and management of the Commission's website and information technology applications. Mr. Pillon is a graduate of Michigan State University in Political Science.

Mr. Pillon is the technical moderator for Session B: Energy Savings: Monitoring, Verifying, Reporting and Communications

➤ **Wm. Art Holdsworth: Oakland County, MI**

Art joined the Executive Administration of Oakland County in 2003. Since 2008, he has served as the Director of the County's Facilities Management Department, overseeing the efforts of nearly 200, maintenance, custodial, engineering, and planning staff. His department is responsible for the infrastructure, grounds, utilities, and security for 45, County buildings (nearly two million square feet of floor space). Recently, Art has led the County's OakGreen efforts to foster energy efficiency initiatives both in-house and across the County. In parallel with OakGreen, the County received an EECBG grant to perform an energy audit of its buildings and then implement the audit's recommendations. Art is overseeing the resulting energy efficiency building retrofit projects on the main County campus and the alternative energy system implementations at the new Oakland County International Airport terminal.

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Mr. Holdsworth is a panelist in Session B: Energy Savings: Monitoring, Verifying, Reporting and Communications

➤ **Larry Studesville: City of Madison, WI**

Larry Studesville has been involved in the energy business for over 30 years. He joined a Madison local utility after attending the University of Wisconsin Business School, Madison. At Wisconsin Power and Light Co. (WPL), now known as Alliant Energy, which is a natural gas, electric and water utility, he had progressive management assignments included purchasing agent for WPL's power generation, Consumer Services and Marketing, and field management experience including Customer Relations Manager, District Manager, General Sales and Marketing Manager. Art lead the company's DSM program before becoming VP of Gas in a WPL ESCO subsidiary during the deregulation era, then became a managing partner in an electric and gas ESCO located in Michigan. He provided services such as retail electric and gas sales and development of commercial and industrial shared savings projects. Larry was also appointed by three Wisconsin governors to head the Department of Workforce Development Administrative Services Division. Currently Larry is an Energy Grants Administrator, overseeing the City of Madison's DOE EECBG and Better Buildings grants and establishing the new energy section for the City in the Department of Community Development.

Mr. Studesville is a panelist in Session B: Energy Savings: Monitoring, Verifying, Reporting, and Communications

➤ **Amy Butler: State of Michigan Bureau of Energy Systems**

Amy is the Director of the Bureau of Energy Systems for the Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth for the State of Michigan. In this role, Amy aligns Michigan's energy sector initiatives, promotes economic growth, and job creation for Michigan's transition to the energy economy. She directs policy and program development; legislation; and coordinates agencies and stakeholders including building local public private partnerships. She facilitated the cross-functional public/private initiative: Economic Development and Growth through Energy Efficiency (EDGE2) Initiative. She has provided program design and implementation in the areas of bankruptcy, oil and gas, and brownfield development, climate action, and urban land use planning and redevelopment. She currently serves on the Board of the National Association of State Energy Offices (NASEO) as the Midwest Regional Representative and co-chair of the Buildings Committee and Energy Star Task Force. She was recently elected to the national board of the Energy Services Coalition and has served nationally on the ANSI-ASQ Registry Accreditation Board.

Ms. Butler a panelist in Session B: Energy Savings: Monitoring, Verifying, Reporting, and Communications

➤ **Glenn Barnes: Environmental Finance Center, UNC at Chapel Hill**

Glenn Barnes is a Senior Project Director and with the Environmental Finance Center based at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He serves as part of the DOE's Technical Assistance financial team. Glenn teaches courses, provides direct community assistance, and carries out research on a range of environmental finance topics from energy and sustainability to water quality, wetlands and drinking water. Prior to joining the Environmental Finance Center, he worked for non-profits in New England focusing on renewable energy, biofuels, and environmental regulation. Glenn holds a BA and MPA from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Barnes is the technical moderator and a panelist for Session C: Financing and Driving Demand for Energy Efficiency Retrofits and Clean Energy Installations

➤ **Anne Klein: St. Louis County, MO**

Anne Klein is the Director of Energy Sustainability for St. Louis County, Missouri. In this position Anne is responsible for administering the \$8.4 Million EECBG and managing the 21 separate activities the County is funding with those grant dollars. Prior to her position with the County, Anne was a Senior Project Manager with Community Program Development Corporation (CPDC), which served on the consultant team that assisted St. Louis County in the development of its Energy Efficient and Conservation Strategy. Anne spent seven and a half years as the Director of Policy Development for St. Charles County before her time at CPDC. While working in St. Charles County, Anne directed the development of two county Master Plans which shaped policies on economic development, community infrastructure, environmental regulations, public safety, health and human services, and housing and land use. Anne also worked as the Director of Government Affairs for the Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis. Anne is a graduate of the University of Vermont and has her Master's Degree in Public Policy from American University.

Ms. Klein is a panelist in Session C: Financing and Driving Demand for Energy Efficiency Retrofits

➤ **David Jenkins: Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence**

David Jenkins is the Director of Commercialization and Market Development for the Wisconsin Office of Energy Independence, an office created by Governor Jim Doyle in April 2007 to advance renewable energy and bio-products development in Wisconsin. His current responsibilities include expanding markets for renewable energy in Wisconsin, assisting entrepreneurs and businesses in commercializing new fuel and power technologies, helping to direct federal and state funding to increasing Wisconsin's renewable resources, and serving as a part of a team to advance the goal of obtaining 25% of Wisconsin's transportation fuels and electric power from renewable sources by 2025.

Mr. Jenkins is a panelist in Session C: Financing and Driving Demand for Energy Efficiency Retrofits

➤ **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 degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mr. Kismohr is the technical moderator for Session D: Municipal Energy Saving Building Technologies

➤ **Scott Ourth: Warren County, IA**

Scott D. Ourth of Ackworth, Iowa, currently serves as director of public affairs for Warren County, Iowa. As director of public affairs for Warren County, Scott assists the Board of Supervisors in a number of ways. These include, but are not limited to: grant writing, project administration, long-term strategic planning, media relations, policy implementation, infrastructure development, and community relations. He also acts as a general advisor to the Board. Scott is a graduate of Graceland College (Lamoni, Iowa). After college he took graduate courses at Central Michigan University and attended the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Ourth is a panelist in Session D: Municipal Energy Saving Building Technologies

➤ **David Baker: State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity**

David Baker is Manager of the Energy Division in the Illinois State Energy Office, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. He has been in that position for four years after previously working at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Department of Energy and Natural Resources. He has worked on energy and environmental policy for 30 years, addressing such issues as energy efficiency and renewables, least cost utility planning, evaluation of low income energy programs, climate change, acid rain, monitoring of ecosystems, solid waste management, and clean coal technologies. He is currently spending his time implementing the state's new Energy Efficiency Portfolio statute and the energy-related Economic Stimulus programs. David received a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois, Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Loyola University of Chicago.

Mr. Baker is a panelist in Session D: Municipal Energy Saving Building Technologies

➤ **Becky Werra: Siemens Industry Inc, representing McHenry County, IL**

Becky Werra, LEED-AP, is an Account Executive of Energy and Environmental Solutions at Siemens Industry, Inc., Mount Prospect, IL. In her position, Becky's responsibilities are to understand the issues and concerns facing local government in Illinois and Wisconsin and help them solve those issues with sustainable solutions. Ms. Werra has worked with several local government entities including, Park Districts, Libraries, County and Local Government to reduce utility usage and increase clean energy use. To date her projects have reduce a combined carbon emissions by over 7,786,060 lbs of CO₂. These projects include retro-commissioning, lighting retrofits, Solar PV, HVAC and environmental educational outreach. Becky serves on the State and Local Government Committee for the Chicago chapter of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and is actively involved in the IL County Management Association (ILCMA) and Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). Becky received her LEED Accredited Professional certificate in December, 2008. She holds a bachelor degree in Business Administration and is a Certified Project Manager through DePaul University.

Ms. Werra is a panelist in Session D: Municipal Energy Saving Building Technologies

➤ **Therese Dorau: ICF International**

Therese Dorau is a Senior Associate with ICF International, in the Climate Change and Sustainability Division. She is also the Midwest Regional Coordinator for the TAP. Therese has 2 ½ years experience supporting EECBG and SEP grantees. Therese also has experience with to energy efficiency, carbon footprinting and footprint reduction, green building, sustainability marketing and communications, and local, national, and international environmental policy development. Her clients have included corporations, governments, and non-profit organizations. Prior to entering the environmental field, she was a chemist and college instructor. Therese holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH) and an M.S. in Sustainable Systems from the University of Michigan. Currently residing in Washington, DC, she has lived in five of the states represented at today's Midwest Regional Meeting.

Ms. Dorau is a Co-Chair of the Midwest Regional Peer-to-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 Midwest Regional Peer-to-peer Exchange Meeting