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SEAC members and associates:

Among other things discussed at today's SEAC meeting was the proposal to initiate an extensive study on solar energy in Arizona. This initiative grew out of deliberations among many parties, including BP, the state of Arizona Energy Office, Dept of Commerce, the ACC, RUCO, ASU, and the Governor's office. If all goes well—and I emphasize there are several steps to complete before we will know the outcome—there could be a very large investment made by BP (and/or others) to push solar energy forward in Arizona.

The state of Arizona is contributing \$100,000 to this study through the CEDC <http://www.commerce.state.az.us/prop/cedc/default01.asp>. The Department of Commerce and the Energy Office are developing an RFP. When the scope of work is completed (now in process), this RFP will be out on the street for 2-3 weeks, no more. This will be followed by a one-week evaluation period, coordinated at the Department of Commerce.

The most logical first step, one that will complement the work to be outlined in the RFP, is to accumulate, collate, and summarize the existing non-technical materials on solar energy specific to Arizona. The SEAC has been asked to assume this responsibility.

As we proceed under the widely-held belief that there is substantial information already available, the SEAC's job will be to assemble it, and quickly, for time is of the essence if we want Arizona to move forward. For this reason, our goal is to bring the materials together within 4-6 weeks.

The specific format will be an annotated bibliography, including complete citations to published material and contact information for key individuals. The bibliography should be organized as follows: Major Topic (see below), Sub-Topic, Key Individuals, plus an Executive Summary, placed at the beginning.

Below are the topics we identified in our discussions today, along with the individuals who have agreed to contribute (plus one or two others who could not join us today but who are hereby being asked to help). Everyone is welcome to request assistance from anyone else and also to expand on the suggested sub-topics I list below. I have cc'd everyone on this so that you can see the appropriate e-mail addresses for mutual communication.

Here are the topics (in random order).

1. Summarize the Arizona-applicable sources, findings and conclusions of the recently-completed Western Governors Association report on solar and the Western Resource Advocates report on western states solar. *Kate Maracas and Bob Liden (with Glenn Hamer)*
2. Utility perspectives, including power needs, economic analyses, solar-program experience. *Barbara Lockwood, Lori Singleton, Tom Hansen*
3. Local-level experience, such as at the municipal level, including local incentives, barriers and needs. *Bud Annan, Chuck Skidmore.*
4. Public perceptions (and perhaps demographics). *Mark Wilhelm and Lynne Gillette.*
5. Legislation and incentives. *Sean Seitz*
6. Native American perspectives. *Dave Castillo and Mark Randall*
7. Environmental benefits, incentives, costs. *Doug Fant and Gary Deason*
8. Built environment, such as architecture and building codes *Larry Mankin and Lynne Gillette*

Questions about the project should be directed to Energy Office Director, Ken Clark, kclark@azcommerce.com.

Questions about the coordination of the research end of the project for Dept of Commerce should be directed to Kent Ennis KentE@AZcommerce.com.

Questions about procurement should be directed to Marty Lynch marthal@azcommerce.com.

Again, emphasize existing, non-technical, material. You will have to position the dividing line between “technical” and “non-technical” yourselves. When in doubt, err on the side of inclusion.

Thanks very much for your help.

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