DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Open Source Software Public Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DoD is hosting a public meeting to initiate a dialogue with industry regarding the use of open source software in DoD contracts. The purpose of the meeting is to allow stakeholders to provide input on open source software-related issues such as license types and restrictions, cost considerations, performance metrics, and the potential for exclusive possession of intellectual property (IP). Interested industry members are invited to participate in this meeting.

DATES: Public Meeting: January 12, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST.

ADDRESS: Public Meeting: The public meeting will be held in the General Services Administration (GSA) Central Office Auditorium, 1800 F Street NW, Washington DC, 20405. The GSA Auditorium is located on the main floor of the building.

Submission of Comments: Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments in advance of the public meeting in order to establish the agenda and framework for the discussions in the meeting. Please cite “Public Meeting, DFARS—Open Source Software” in all correspondence related to this public meeting. You may submit written comments using any of the following methods:

- **Email**: dfars@osd.mil. Include “Public Meeting, DFARS—Open Source Software” in the subject line of the message.
- **Fax**: (703) 602–0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gomersall, telephone (703) 602–0302.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoD is interested in obtaining input from the public with regard to the risks to the contractors and the Government associated with using open source software on DoD contracts in the following areas:

- What are the risks that open source software may include proprietary or copyrighted material incorporated into the open source software without the authorization of the actual author, thereby exposing the Government and contractors who use or deliver the open source software to potential copyright infringement liability?
- Are contractors facing performance and warranty deficiencies to the extent that the open source software does not meet contract requirements, and the open source software license leaves the contractors without recourse?
- To what extent should the DFARS be revised to specify clearly the rights the Government obtains when a contractor acquires open source software for the Government, and why?

Registration: Individuals wishing to attend the public meeting should register by December 30, 2011, to ensure adequate room accommodations and to create an attendee list for secure entry to the GSA building for anyone who is not a Federal Government employee with a Government badge. Interested parties may register at this Web site, http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/open_source_software.html, by providing the following information:

1. Company or organization name.
2. Names and email addresses of persons attending.
3. Last four digits of social security number for each attendee (non-Federal employees only).
4. Identify presenter if desiring to speak (limited to a 10-minute presentation per company or organization).

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes early to ensure they are processed through security in a timely fashion. Attendees who register online will be given priority if room constraints require limits on attendance. Special Accommodations: The public meeting location is physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Mark Gomersall, telephone (703) 602–0302, at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

Presentations: If an attendee wishes to present a short oral presentation at the meeting of ten minutes or less, please advise during registration so appropriate arrangements can be made for scheduling purposes. If the presenter intends to share a handout to accompany an oral statement, please submit the document to dfars@osd.mil for posting no later than December 30, 2011, so that other attendees may download the handout prior to the meeting. When submitting briefing information, provide the presenter’s name, organization affiliation, telephone number, and email address on the cover page.

Correspondence and Comments: Please cite “Public Meeting, DFARS—Open Source Software” in all correspondence related to this public meeting. The submitted presentations will be the only record of the public meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy (DOE).

SUMMARY: On November 10, 2011, the Department of Energy (Department or DOE) published a notice of four regional workshops and request for written comments in connection with the preparation of a study of electric transmission congestion pursuant to section 216(a)(1) of the Federal Power Act (76 FR 70122). This document makes a correction to that notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Meyer, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, (202) 586–1411, david.meyer@hq.doe.gov.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)


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, January 19, 2012. 3:30 p.m.—4 p.m. EST.

To receive the call-in number and passcode, please contact the Board’s Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address or phone number listed below.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To provide advice and 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: Welcome new members to the Board, review and update accomplishment of STEAB’s Task Forces since the November meeting in Knoxville, TN, review the revised priorities of the STEAB, and provide an update to the Board on routine business matters and other topics of interest.

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 Gil Sperling 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: http://www.steab.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 28, 2011.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)


ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a live Board meeting 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: March 13–14, 2012. 9 a.m.—5 p.m. March 15, 2012. 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: To provide advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) 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 updates and reviews of the accomplishments of STEAB’s Sub-committee and Task Forces, meet with key members of DOE and the Office of EERE to discuss new initiatives and technologies, and explore possible technology transfer programs, meet with EERE Program Managers to gain a better understanding of deployment efforts and ongoing initiatives, discuss ways to make sure States are successful with implementing ARRA funding before the March 2012 deadline, and update the Board on routine business matters and other topics of interest.

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 Gil Sperling 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: http://www.steab.org.

Issued at Washington, DC, on November 29, 2011.

LaTanya R. Butler,
Acting Deputy Committee Management Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Record of Decision for the Modification of the Groton Generation Station Interconnection Agreement (DOE/EIS–0435)

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: In 2009, Western Area Power Administration (Western) received a request from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) to modify its Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) with Basin Electric for the Groton Generation Station to eliminate current operating limits on the generating station. The LGIA currently limits the output of the Groton Generating Station to 50 average megawatts (MW). The Groton Generation Station is located about 5