

USA Draft TILF Proposal

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GREEN

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION

PURPOSE

- ✘ Standards and conformity assessment procedures for green buildings are in development by several international standards bodies in the APEC region.
- ✘ As code developers and regulators consider adopting standards and conformity assessment procedures into codes and regulations, it is important for all stakeholders -- standards bodies, suppliers of green building products, conformity assessment organizations and regulatory officials -- to be in communication about these standards.
- ✘ Early exchanges among technical experts and government officials from APEC economies on standards under development before governments adopt regulations and codes can prevent or reduce the technical barriers to trade in these product areas.

FOCUS

- ✘ This project will focus on the use of specific standards and codes for energy efficiency and renewable technologies in green commercial buildings.
- ✘ This project strives to support several energy conservation and efficiency initiatives/objectives within APEC. This proposal seeks to advance key themes and objectives noted by APEC Leaders in the September 2007 APEC Leader's Declaration on Climate Change, Energy Security and Clean Development and the 2009 ABAC Report to APEC Economic Leaders and the APEC Energy Working Group.

ACTIVITIES

- ✘ Principal activities of the project will include:
- ✘ 1) Developing and conducting a survey of the APEC member economies that will establish a baseline of common policies and practices. The survey results will also aid in defining the topics of the subsequent workshop and defining the workshop agenda.
- ✘ 2) Organizing and conducting a two-day workshop directed at regulators and product suppliers. The workshop program will be designed to address information gaps and key topics of interest identified through the survey.

TIMELINE

✘ Survey

- + Conduct and summarize the survey between August and October of 2010

✘ Workshop

- + Conduct workshop with regulators and relevant subject experts in conjunction with the February 2011 APEC meetings in Washington, DC.

APEC MEMBER ECONOMY INPUT

- ✘ United States is interested in comments, views, and potential co-sponsorships of other interested economies.