

# Goals for the National Summit

**National Summit**

**State Federal RPS Collaborative**

**November 6, 2008**

# Renewable Portfolio Standards

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- Today, 27 active RPS programs in the U.S. established by states and DC
- An RPS requires a certain minimum quantity of electricity suppliers' generation to be derived from renewable resources
- RPS is most popular state policy supporting renewable energy
- Only modest interaction among states, federal agencies & stakeholders on RPS issues

# Merits of RPS Collaboration

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- Build stronger political support and understanding of RPS policies
- Assist states to achieve RPS objectives cost-effectively
- Identify effective policy design
- Foster stronger regional markets
- Overcome transmission challenges
- Enlist appropriate federal support for state efforts

# State/Federal RPS Collaborative

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- Established in 2008
- Funded by U.S. DOE, Energy Foundation, and Clean Energy States Alliance
- Collaborative Concept:
  - Increase communications and information sharing among RPS stakeholders to
    1. expand RPS initiatives nationwide
    2. increase RPS program effectiveness

# State/Federal RPS Collaborative

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## Collaborative Objectives

- Provide forum for dialogue & information exchange among states, federal agencies & stakeholders on RPS issues
- Identify effective RPS design principles & practices
- Foster cooperation and harmonization between state RPS programs
- Provide input on how federal government can support state RPS efforts
- Assist states, upon request, to design or revise RPS programs

# Collaborative Structure

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- **Open Plenary Group**
  - inclusive to encourage broad stakeholder input
  - forum for ongoing dialogue on RPS priority issues
  - participate through webinars, working groups, and national summit
- **Steering Committee**
  - 20 member advisory board, representing major stakeholders

# Steering Committee

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## 20-member advisory body

- Reflect breadth of experience and perspectives relative to RPS policies
- State policy makers and managers, federal government representatives, non-government organizations, and experts on RPS issues

# Steering Committee Members

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- **Glen Anderson, National Conference of State Legislatures**
- **Lori Bird, NREL**
- **Dan Birns, US DOE, EERE**
- **Karlynn Cory, NREL**
- **Nikolaas Dietsch, US EPA, Office of Atmospheric Programs**
- **Paul Douglas, California Public Utilities Commission**
- **Richard Mignogna, Colorado Public Utilities Commission**
- **Shemika Spencer, National Association of State Energy Officials**
- **Alan Noguee, Union of Concerned Scientists**
- **Chela O'Connor, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**
- **Ben Paulos, Energy Foundation**
- **Heather Raitt, California Energy Commission**
- **Phyllis Reha, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**
- **Linda Silverman, US DOE, Office of EERE**
- **Mark Sinclair, Clean Energy Group**
- **John Stanton, Solar Energy Industries Association**
- **Tom Stanton, Michigan Public Service Commission**
- **Jess Totten, Texas Public Utilities Commission**
- **Sam Watson, North Carolina Utilities Commission**
- **Steve Weisman, Peregrine Energy Group**
- **Greg Wetstone, AWEA**
- **Meredith Wingate, Center for Resource Solutions**
- **Mike Winka, NJ BPU**
- **Ryan Wiser, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab**

# Steering Committee Role

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- Guide the broader collaborative towards development of recommendations to advance RPS success
- Identify opportunities for multi-state/federal cooperation
- Plan and facilitate collaborative agenda, activities, and reports
- Provide a vehicle to translate input from collaborative stakeholders on key RPS issues into specific recommendations
- Plan and lead the National Summit to discuss emerging collaborative findings and recommendations
- Develop final recommendations on priority issues

# Collaborative Focus: Year One

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- Identify effective design principles & best practices
- Determine appropriate role of federal government in supporting RPS
- Evaluate merits of increased harmonization among RPS programs
- Explore how RPS programs can foster technology diversity & innovation

# Work Plan

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- Create Listserv ([sarps1@statesadvancingrps.org](mailto:sarps1@statesadvancingrps.org))
- Establish RPS Website
- Present Webinars on Key RPS Issues
  - Best RPS Practices
  - The Federal Role in RPS
  - Technology Diversity
  - Regional Cooperation
- Conduct State RPS Survey
- Organize National Summit

# National Summit Agenda

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- Review status of RPS implementation efforts
- Release state survey results
- Identify principles and best practices for RPS design & implementation
- Examine ways to advance multi-state cooperation
- Identify collaborative priorities for Year 2
- CEG Symposium: “Exploring the Federal Role in RPS Implementation”

# Agenda – Day 1

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- Framing the Discussion
  - Overview of status of RPS programs
  - Findings from new state survey
- Plenary Session 1
  - Identify & discuss best practices
- Plenary Session 2
  - Briefing on Environmental Tracking Network of North America

# Agenda – Day 2

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- Plenary Session 3
  - Create stronger regional markets: opportunities for interstate collaboration
- Regional Breakout Groups
  - What issues could benefit from regional cooperation?
- Next Steps Discussion
- CEG Symposium
  - How can federal government best support state RPS efforts?
  - If federal RPS adopted, what is appropriate interaction with states and state RPS programs?