APEC Energy Working Group:

Highlights of 37th Meeting in Santiago Chile (April 20-24, 2009)

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Passing the Baton

- Australia relinquished chair which it has held since EWG inception in 1990.
- Essential to continue EWG Secretariat which is key to the group's success.
- United States offered to take up the chair and Secretariat functions.
- Offer accepted by acclamation.
- Phyllis Yoshida new Lead Shepherd.

New Project Proposals

- EWG considered, ranked and endorsed 22 project proposals.
- Three funding rounds for 2009 (cutoffs May 22 and September 4); four rounds expected for 2010.
- Important focus on energy efficiency, biofuels, and renewables.

Energy efficiency project proposals endorsed by EWG-37 in Santiago

- APEC Peer Review of Energy Efficiency –
 PREE Phase II (Japan)
- Cooperative Energy Efficiency Design for Sustainability - CEEDS (Japan)
- Training Workshop on Energy Service Company (ESCO) Business (Indonesia)
- o Benefits of Bus Rapid Transit
- o Benefits of Transit-Oriented Development
- o Benefits of Intermodal Freight

Biofuel projects endorsed by EWG-37

- Sustainable biofuel development practices (Biofuels Task Force)
- Biofuel transportation and distribution infrastructure strategies (Biofuels Task Force, Auto Dialogue)
- Technical Potential of Biodiesel from Microalgae (Chinese Taipei)
- Jatropha-Based Biofuels
 Development Initiatives (Thailand)

Additional renewable energy project proposals endorsed at EWG-37

- RE Infrastructure Blueprint: Economic Benefits (USA)
- Survey of Best Practices for Building Integrated Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (USA)
- Study of Small/MiniGrid RE Power Generation (Indonesia)
- Wind Power: Status and Guidelines for Implementation (NZ)
- Production Costs in Small Distributed Power Generation to Promote RE Electricity Generation (Indonesia)
- Photovoltaics Collaborative Mechanisms in APEC: Study and workshop (Chinese Taipei)
- Electric Vehicles Status and Potential in APEC (NZ)
- Opportunities for Marine Energy Development (NZ)
- RE Impact on Poverty and Gender Issues (Indonesia)

Energy Trade and Investment TF

- Established pursuant to Roundtable in Cairns, Australia, September 2008
- Met officially for the first time on margins of EWG-37 in Santiago, April 2009
- United States was asked to develop project proposals for consideration such as
 - Initial project to survey tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade in energy goods and services
 - Follow-up projects to estimate costs of key trade barriers identified in the survey

Your ideas are most welcome!

