

Dear MTC PV Collaborative Participant,

Thank you very much for your participation in yesterday's (9/1/04) first full session of the MTC PV Collaborative process. This email sets forth plans for our next steps (including our second full session on Monday, September 13th), and asks you to indicate an area of initial focus for your next involvement. It also provides additional information, a draft working document, and directions on obtaining yesterday's and future documents from the MTC website.

As we discussed, this is an ambitious undertaking on a very expedited schedule. At yesterday's session, you were presented a lot of complex information and asked to sort through a variety of issues on short notice. As the independent contractor, outside consultant working with MTC to facilitate this process, I appreciate that this was not easy, and I suspect we all share some frustration about where things ended up. I believe, however, that the going forward plan indicated here will move us toward our goal of developing a PV policy statement and program proposals on our tight timeline.

Based on yesterday's discussion, we are moving forward with three working groups: Public Benefits, Commercialization/Finance, and Rationale. Please consider which of these three working groups you prefer to participate in. "Participation" can mean being on a conference call, reviewing an email draft, or having an individual call--whatever works best for your schedule, availability, and level of interest.

Attached to this email (with enormous thanks to Sam Nutter for swift draftsmanship) is a draft MTC PV mission statement and overall rationale derived from MTC's legislative mandate and yesterday's session. It describes the focus of the three work groups and suggests possible areas for consideration.

We are proposing a schedule for the next two weeks as follows:

1. By mid-day Tuesday, 9/7 participants indicate to Sam Nutter [at 508-870-0312 x 277 or nutter@masstech.org] their initial working group preference (subject matter focus).
2. Sam will set-up email distribution lists and share the lists with the volunteers in each working group by the close of business Tuesday.
3. Wednesday and Thursday, working group members begin collaborating via conference calls and/or email to develop fuller drafts of concepts.
4. By close of business Thursday, 9/9 email of all three work group drafts to Sam. Sam to forward to all Collaborative participants no later than Friday.
5. Monday, 9/13: second full session: DURING THE MORNING, ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL WORK IN THEIR CHOICE OF ONE OF THE THREE WORKING GROUPS. Mid to late morning, the full plenary group will reconvene to compare notes and hear reports from the three working groups. IN ANTIPIATION THAT THIS COULD RUN LONGER THAN

NOON, WE WILL ORDER A LIGHT LUNCH FOR THOSE ABLE TO STAY. (Adjournment expected by no later than 2:00-2:30 pm).

To expedite information flow, a new section has being added to the MTC website. From it, you will be able to obtain e-copies of all of the documents presented yesterday, plus those requested during the session, and future documents and drafts we will be developing. To access this information, go to http://www.masstech.org/RenewableEnergy/solar_to_market_initiative/pv_collab.htm.

Thank you again for agreeing to participate in this expedited PV policy collaborative process, which is so important to the next phase of the Commonwealth's PV funding. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this effort, please email me or call me at direct dial 617-228-9112. I look forward to seeing you again on September 13th.

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