

**Innovative Approaches to Climate Change Policy:
Workshop on State-Federal Interactions
The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001**

Wednesday, June 24 – Thursday, June 25, 2009

DRAFT AGENDA – SPEAKERS ARE STILL BEING CONFIRMED

Wednesday, June 24

8:00 am

**Breakfast
Keynote Address: TBA**

9:15 – 10:45 am

Panel 1: U.S. Congressional Update and Outlook

- What is the latest thinking, strategy, and timing for moving climate legislation?
- What are the key issues on which you are focusing?
- What role do you envision for states and localities, within and outside of a federal cap-and-trade program?

10:45 – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Panel 2: Federal Regulatory Authorities and Tools

- What authorities does the Administration already have and intend to use to address climate change? What authority is the Administration seeking to use to address climate change?
- How specifically is the Clean Air Act being used? (endangerment finding, the California waiver, etc.)
- What processes are being used to work across the federal government and foster interagency coordination?
- How will the federal governments reach out to and work with state and local governments? How easy or difficult will it be to integrate new federal regulations with current state (local) air programs and duties?
- How might conventional regulations be integrated with legislative proposals such as cap and trade, and programs at the state level?
- What are the best routes for moving forward with controlling GHGs under the CAA or other existing authorities?

12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Lunch
Keynote Address: TBA**

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Panel 3: Green Jobs

- What defines a green job or a green economy?
- Is the green economy the same across the 50 states? How can states assess their strengths and expertise in the green economy? And how can states invest, and promote investments, in their piece of the green economy?
- What are some specific federal and state policies that can grow and leverage private investments in the green economy?
- What are appropriate responses to criticisms that investing in the green economy is a zero-sum game that merely shifts jobs between industries?

3:30 – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 – 5:15 pm

Panel 4: Cap and Trade Design and Lessons from Regional Programs

- What are the appropriate respective roles of the state and federal governments in cap and trade policy?
- What are the major lessons (and outcomes) from the regional programs on key cap and trade design elements (scope, targets and timetables, the role of the power sector, offsets, and allowance distribution) that the feds need to know?
- What should the feds do about programs already in place? (what are appropriate transition mechanisms? How should a federal cap and trade policy interact with existing state policies, recognizing the achievements of the states as well as the benefits of a more uniform national program?)
- How should allowance value be distributed to the states and what should states use allowance value for?

6 pm

**Reception and Dinner
Keynote Address: TBA**

Thursday, June 25

8:00 am

**Breakfast
Keynote Address: TBA**

9:00 – 10:30 am

Panel 5: Electricity: Energy Efficiency and Renewables

- What are the appropriate respective roles of the state and federal governments regarding regulation of the electricity sector (beyond cap and trade)?
- What have the states learned about electricity sector policies such as energy efficiency standards, decoupling, building codes, renewable or low-carbon portfolio standards?
- What are the most effective complementary policies for realizing energy efficiency gains, and how are these best implemented? How should analogous federal policies interact with existing state policies?

- How is the stimulus funding being used to incentivize energy efficiency and renewables?

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Panel 6: Transportation: Fuels, Vehicles, System Efficiency and VMT

- What are the appropriate respective roles of the state and federal governments regarding regulation of the transportation sector (both cap and trade and other policies)?
- What have the states learned from efforts to reduce VMT and implement vehicle GHG standards and low carbon fuel policies?
- What is the EPA path forward on vehicles and fuels and DOT on vehicles and transportation infrastructure and what lessons can states provide from their experience in these areas?
- What are the most effective policies for dealing with each element of transportation, and which level of government should implement these?
- How is the Economic Recovery Act opening up opportunities to shape transportation infrastructure in the context of climate goals? How can this year's reauthorization of the federal transportation bill affect how climate-friendly transportation policy will be for the next 6 years?

12:15 pm Lunch
Keynote Address: TBA

1:30 Closing