

## **I. Capital and Financing Working Group**

The goals of this committee are to:

1. Identify barriers and limitations of current access to investment and working capital for emerging energy businesses, commercialization and project financing.
2. Understand methods to overcome these barriers and limitations and provide investment capital for promising new energy startups.
3. Identify priorities for ongoing research and development.
4. Finance design and construction of renewable energy projects.
5. Develop a process for vetting potential ideas and connecting with investors.
6. Co-craft Partnership Collaboration Agreements established from meeting findings.

## **II. Market Development and Metrics Working Group**

The goals of this committee are to:

1. Identify target markets that are expanding both domestically and internationally.
2. Determine potential or existing overlap with Minnesota manufacturers, including supply chain partners.
3. Identify process gaps in order for Minnesota companies to play a role in supplying the expanding markets.
4. Uncover marketing strategies for branding the renewable energy sector in Minnesota.
5. Develop metrics for outputs and outcomes of PoCC.
6. Co-craft Partnership Collaboration Agreements established from meeting findings.

## **III. Policy Reform**

The goals of this committee are to:

1. Identify existing successful policies elsewhere, as well as state policies that worked well in the past.
2. Conduct an assessment of existing policy and identify policy gaps, inconsistencies, and identify areas for improvement.
3. Identify aligned interests and strategies to provide collective support of efficient and effective renewable energy policies, coordinated with existing reform efforts.
4. Contribute to Partnership Collaboration Agreements to be established from other PoCC planning meeting findings for inclusion in the PoCC final report.
5. Remain available for contact so that new concerns can continue to be monitored and policy updated accordingly if a full PoCC process proceeds in the future.

## **IV. Business Services, Research & Development, and Technology Transfer**

The goals of this committee are to:

1. Conduct an assessment of existing R&D, technology transfer providers, and areas of excellence from identified providers.
2. Identify research and testing needs, aligned interests and strategies to create a network of research firms to provide collective support of renewable energy research and technology transfer.
3. Conduct an assessment of existing business support service providers and areas of excellence.

4. Strategies for a statewide network of economic development agencies to provide comprehensive business services to renewable energy firms.
5. Co-craft Partnership Collaboration Agreements established from meeting findings.

**R&D, Technology Transfer.** Establish a collaborative of higher education programs for research, testing and commercialization of new energy technologies. Appointment of individuals to co-craft a Partnership Collaboration Agreement with higher education programs and statewide partners for research, technical assistance and commercialization support.

**Business Support Services.** Develop the structure for a statewide collaboration of economic development agencies to support a REPoCC. Appointment of individuals to co-craft a Partnership Collaboration Agreement among regional economic development agencies for statewide delivery of comprehensive business support services.

## V. Private Sector Advisory Group

A Private Sector Advisory Committee (PSAC) is being formed as part of the PoCC planning process to provide advice and feedback on several key aspects of the project.

The 12 members of the PSAC will be made up of representatives of renewable energy companies in Minnesota including solar (4), bio-based (4), other renewables (2), and energy-efficiency/grid management (2). The goal is also to have membership from all geographic areas of the state and include companies engaged in manufacturing, design and engineering, construction, supply chain, sales and marketing, and financing.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** PSAC members will be expected to review background information and participate in 4-5 meetings over the next year. The PSAC will provide advice and recommendations to the PoCC core group and several working groups formed as part of the overall PoCC planning process with a specific focus on the following areas: