

OTHER KEY EWG INITIATIVES

FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY TESTING STANDARDS

At the nineteenth meeting of the APEC Energy Working Group (EWG) held in April 2000, members endorsed the recommendations contained in the Steering Group on Energy Standards (SGES) final report, *Cooperation on Energy Standards in APEC: Report of the Steering Group on Energy Standards to the APEC Energy Working Group, March 29, 2000*. In addition, members agreed to delegate the responsibility for implementing the recommendations of the SGES to the Expert Group on Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EGEEC).

The EGEEC subsequently submitted a project proposal entitled *Energy Standards Information Development and Coordination* (EWG01/2001T) for consideration by EWG members. The overall purpose of the project was to *continue the work started by the previous Steering Group on Energy Standards projects on reducing barriers to trade created by there being different energy performance test methods and energy performance requirements*, and included the establishment of an APEC Energy Efficiency Test Procedures Coordinator. The project proposal was endorsed by EWG members at EWG19 and was approved by the APEC Budget and Management Committee (BMC) in July 2000.

EWG members will also recall that in May 2000, APEC Energy Ministers in their Declaration committed to implementing *[a] general policy framework for cooperation on energy standards, including support for inclusion of energy efficiency with the mutual recognition agreements being developed in the APEC region, and establishment of the position of an APEC Energy Efficiency Test Procedures Coordinator to facilitate the implementation of a product-by-product approach to the greater alignment of energy performance test procedures.*¹

At EWG22, members noted the progress being made on the project and that a request for proposals will be prepared for general issue through the APEC Secretariat for circulation to all economies.

A progress report on the project is at Attachment A.

Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting

- Members to note the progress being made on the Framework for Cooperation on Energy Efficiency Testing Standards and provide comment if they so wish.

¹ Fourth Meeting of APEC Energy Ministers, "Turning Vision into Reality", San Diego, California, May 12, 2000. Declaration, p3. This document can be found at the following website address: <http://www.apecsec.org.sg>