



Federal Policy Committee 2009 Work Plan

2009 Objectives

- Continue to build support in Congress and the Executive Branch for the deployment of clean energy technologies -- renewable energy, energy efficiency and natural gas -- to meet the nation's challenges on energy security, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and the economy.
- Increase efforts to raise the Council's profile with federal policy makers.

2009 Work Plan

- Schedule *Climate is Energy Forum* during the first quarter of 2009. Purpose: to introduce new Members of Congress and incoming Administration officials to the Council and to urge their support of the Council's priorities. After the Forum, continue to reach out to the incoming Administration's Transition Team and to relevant Executive Branch officials when they are confirmed by the Senate.
- Further define Council's priority federal clean energy technology policy priorities and advance priorities as a package in federal energy and economic stimulus legislation.
- Build quantitative case for enactment of policies to rapidly deploy clean energy technologies between now and 2020. Example: BCSE modeling project with SAIC.
- Advance the Council's issue priorities on renewable energy, energy efficiency, natural gas and offsets in Dingell-Boucher Discussion Draft of Climate Change Legislation and support legislative action on the proposal.
- Identify new champions in both the House and the Senate. Reach out to the "Gang of 16/20" Senators and House "Blue Dogs" to encourage their support of the Council's policy priorities on energy, climate, and offsets. Expand relationships with members of relevant committees such as, Senate Energy and Finance Committees, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in addition to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee.
- Continue to build on the Council's relationship with Senator Stabenow (D-MI) to enlist her support of the Council's priorities on offsets provisions of climate change legislation. Continue to build upon other existing relationships with Senate offices.
- Continue to sponsor congressional staff briefings to educate staff and advance the Council's issue priorities.
- Educate congressional staff about the interrelationships between the international negotiations, state climate change programs, and a future federal program, e.g. educate staff about how the international agreements can solve domestic problems.