

**May 26, 2015 - DOE Publishes Solar Bankability Data FOA**

**SGIP PAP25 and XBRL-CET Ready to Contribute  
to National Effort for Data Interoperability**

**Open Invitation  
and Call for Collaborators  
Concept Paper Due June 22, 2015**

**XBRL-CET Working Group Meeting**

**and Public Webinar**

**June 11, 2015**

**Details TBD**

The XBRL-CET working group defines bankability for any situation, from project specific to all projects nationwide, and from one entity to all entities in the supply chain, as having the positive financial considerations outweigh the negative ones.

From building the nation's transportation infrastructure to building the nation's energy infrastructure, bankability all along the supply chain is improved when the positive factors are increased and negative factors are decreased.

The potential that interoperability, defined simply as stakeholders in the supply chain being able to exchange data easily regardless of systems used, without manual redundant data entry that adds significant administrative burden, expense and time, that is enabled by the universal adoption of data standards and data sets.

If exchanging data was as easy as exchanging an address file, the positive factors would increase, and the negative factors, the risk, decreased. The combination increases bankability.

## Improving Positive Factors

- Reduced administration and expense during underwriting and evaluation.
- Improved access to information for higher quality underwriting information
- Improves access to opportunities for small business
- System developers are able to innovate functionality and resources confident the data sets will be consistent, accurate and widely implemented by business partners.
- New financial products are created that better manage risk, and improve the risk profile.

## Reducing Negative Factors

- Enables data analytics for large portfolio management, and single project focus.
- Timely access to ongoing construction project progress information enabling performance measurement for improved risk management.
- Timely access to ongoing asset performance measurement for improved risk management.
- New financial projects assume risk.

The XBRL-CET working group will be responding the DOE FOA, not as **“the one”** that decides which standard is designated as **“the one standard”**, and what specific data sets are established as **“the data sets”**, but as a one of many contributors and collaborators that collectively accept the challenge and opportunity the DOE FOA represents. Part of a national working group, and contributing where it can and lets others contribute where they can.

There are many standards that need to be considered, and there are a lot of organizations and individuals that have done remarkable work in developing data standards.

The XBRL-CET objective in responding the DOE FOA is not to compete with any of them, but to collaborate with them. We will utilize the structure of the DOE FOA to encourage all efforts and stakeholders to **“sit around one table”** to explore the possibilities, examine options, and collectively develop short and long terms strategies that allow best practices, innovation and open competition to flourish.

XBRL-CET invites all stakeholders to join in its response to help identify how to “knit together” the various existing standards and efforts into a group of synergized standards that complement each other instead of compete, and produces maximum interoperability.

A crowd funding campaign will be announced shortly to raise an initial \$250,000 with just \$10,000 from twenty five stakeholders that are willing to contribute to the discussion as our group cost sharing obligation. Matched by the DOE the \$500,000 will be used to help fund universities, trade associations and other nonprofit, noncommercial entities perform tasks needed to identify the data fields needed by stakeholders, and to establish the process of gaining universal adoption through synergy of all standards, and the inclusion of all efforts.

***Please consider being a sponsor and taking a seat at the table.***

It will be an interesting, substantive and productive time.

***Leaders are needed.***