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RE: U.S. Department of Energy Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0001319
Solar Bankability Data to Advance Transactions and Access (SB-DATA)
XBRL-CET Working Group Letter of Support for all SB-Data respondents

Dear Mihn,

Full submissions from all respondents are due this Friday, and it appears that our advocacy of the XBRL data standard for financial reporting will be a common component, and was the subject of a number of reviewer comments from the concept papers.

The XBRL-CET working group's support of SB-Data is neutral, and our continued assistance to all respondents will remain neutral. Therefore this letter of support is not being individually provided to each respondent, but posted on the [XBRL-CET](#) website as a public declaration of support for the goals outlined in SB-Data, and our commitment to continue the effort to expand the XBRL taxonomy, establish industry adopted data sets for specific uses, and to synergize with other data standards for building the nation's energy infrastructure, the Smart Grid.

Irrespective of SB-Data the XBRL-CET working group has a number of outreach efforts and pilot projects that will demonstrate how data interoperability as envisioned by SB-Data will benefit all stakeholders. The resulting benefits and cost savings will encourage financial support of those pilot projects from the private sector, however until the SB-Data Strategy Working Group is formed and able to provide some direction it is impossible for us to secure funding for SB-Data respondents, and therefore we are unable to commit to contributions for cost sharing within the Full Submission, at this time.

The unique structure of the SB-Data FOA, with the initial formation of a collaborative Strategy Working Group at the outset will provide the direction and clarity to enable the XBRL-CET working group to "herd the cats" of private industry for not only active engagement but financial support.

In that regard we would like to submit an appeal for questions #11, #12 and #27 submitted.

We can talk about those and other ways the XBRL-CET working group can contribute to achieving the objectives of SB-Data once negotiations begin, including cost share contributions for respondents.

Thank you again for creating the catalyst to make data interoperability a reality.



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