

**USEITI Outreach and Communications Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary for Monday, November 25, 2013**

**Short-term Outreach**

**Congressional Outreach**

- Civil Society Sector will draft a proposed outreach plan consistent with the input and discussions of the subcommittee members. This will include a draft communication from the MSG offering to provide briefings for Congressional Staff on the USEITI Candidacy Application. CSO draft proposal to be completed by December 4 for subcommittee consideration, with a final proposal to be presented at the December 11-12, 2013 MSG meeting.
- Interior is determining the feasibility of pursuing Hill outreach on the Candidacy Application prior to the December 11-12 MSG meeting and will provide an update next week.
- Veronica Slajer will compile a proposed list of Congressional, State and Tribal stakeholders for proactive outreach by the MSG.
- Interior provided an update on efforts to pursue Hill outreach by the Department and invite MSG members to join.

**Interim Outreach**

- The subcommittee will coordinate with the State Department and DOI for outreach to the EITI International Board and Secretariat on the USEITI Candidacy Application.
- Sectors to brainstorm an approach for outreach to their counterparts on the EITI International Board to promote the USEITI Candidacy Application and answer questions.
- A proposal was made to develop an agreed upon set of talking points/presentation for sectors to use as part of USEITI MSG sector outreach to their counterparts on the EITI International Board.

**Interior's clarification for the record regarding its position on the Trade Secrets Act in the context of the USEITI Candidacy Application:**

ONRR Director Greg Gould made the following statement:

It has come to the Government's attention that an API letter to the SEC dated November 7, 2013 on page 2, footnote 5 stated that, "In the context of the United States' own EITI candidacy, the U.S. Department of the Interior has recognized that it would likely violate the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. §1905) for the government to disclose payment information in such detail that a firm's competitors would be able to determine specific contract terms."

To clarify the record, and quoting from the draft candidacy application, the US Department of the Interior has in fact stated: "So long as MSG proposals for defining company or project-level reporting are consistent with the TSA, DOI may disclose reported revenues at a company or project-level to a third-party reconciler, and the information can then be made public."

**Next Meeting**

TBD

**Subcommittee Members in Attendance**

Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight  
Veronika Kohler, National Mining Association  
Aaron Padilla, Chevron Corporation  
Greg Conrad, Interstate Mining Compact Commission  
Marti Flacks, State Department  
Greg Gould, Interior Department  
Paul Mussenden, Interior Department

**Invitees and Staff**

Jennifer Goldblatt, Interior Department  
Misty Seemans, Project on Government Oversight