



# U.S. Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
Policy, Management and Budget

[www.doi.gov](http://www.doi.gov)

## News Release

**For Immediate Release**

May 3, 2011

**News Media Contact:**

Drew Malcomb

(202) 208-6301

### **Department of the Interior to Hold EITI Public Listening Sessions**

*Seeks to gain public's insight into establishment of a Multi-Stakeholder Group*

**WASHINGTON DC** – The Department of the Interior (DOI) today announced that it would hold a series of public meetings to gain the public's views of an assessment conducted by an independent facilitator, the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), as part of the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) implementation process. EITI serves as a voluntary framework for governments and companies to publicly disclose in parallel the revenues paid and received for extraction of oil, gas and minerals owned by the government.

The Department earlier held a series of public listening sessions to provide opportunities for public comment in St. Louis; Denver; Houston; and Washington D.C. CBI analyzed the input from these four public listening sessions, interviews with potential stakeholders, and written comments that were submitted to the Department and then developed an independent stakeholder assessment regarding options for establishing the U.S. multi-stakeholder group.

On May 18, 2012, DOI will receive and publish CBI's findings and will conduct a public comment period between May 18 and June 29, 2012, to gain the public's input on CBI's assessment and findings. Details will be provided by Federal Register Notice at a later date.

During the May 18-June 29 public comment period, public listening sessions, a public webinar, and a public workshop also will be held as follows (further details regarding specific times and locations will be provided in advance via Federal Register Notice and online at [www.doi.gov/EITI](http://www.doi.gov/EITI)):

Session 1—Anchorage, Alaska Public Listening Session, May 30, 2012

Session 2—Public Webinar, June 1, 2012

Session 3—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Public Listening Session, June 11, 2012

Session 4—New Orleans, Louisiana Public Listening Session, June 12, 2012

Session 5—Washington, DC Public Workshop, June 22, 2012

The Federal Register Notice can be viewed at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-03/pdf/2012-10663.pdf>.

More information about USEITI can be obtained at <http://www.doi.gov/EITI>.

###