



## **SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN/ SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE**

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#### **2006 - 2007 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

**CHAIR:** Dan Nickey, Iowa

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**REGION 7:** No Alternate

**REGION 8:** Greg Sorenson, Utah

**REGION 9:** No Alternate

**REGION 10:** Rebecca Hillwig, Oregon

The SBO/SBEAP National Steering Committee was created in 1995 to represent the interests of the Small Business 507 Programs (507 Programs), and also to provide a networking and communications tool between the programs and EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (SBO) and EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS). One representative from each EPA region serves on the Steering Committee, along with an alternate from each region. Steering Committee representatives participate in monthly conference calls; serve as conduits for information to other assistance providers in their respective regions; and act as focal points of contact to disseminate information to and from the 507 Program service providers. The Steering Committee provides a vehicle for identifying and resolving problems faced by the 507 program service providers and, through partnerships with EPA's SBO and OAQPS, works towards mutually effective solutions.

As the 507 Programs developed and networking between state and federal programs grew, new service providers requested guidelines or more formal written documentation as to the membership and organization of the Steering Committee. These guidelines were developed in an attempt to provide a frame of reference for all.

The Steering Committee addresses issues or topics which impact or relate to all or most of the state programs. Due to the diverse array of those issues, during discussions on the future of the 507 programs at the 2002 SBO/SBEAP National Conference held in Chicago, Illinois, state programs recommended that the Steering Committee establish subcommittees to address specific issues, identified by the group at the conference. Six subcommittees were established as follows:

- **Awards Subcommittee** - The mission of this subcommittee is to identify awards that might be given or applied for in order to gain recognition for the achievements within the 507 programs, including the small businesses they serve, and to promote visibility for the services the programs provide.
- **Guidelines Subcommittee** – The mission of the subcommittee is to explore the usability and relevance of EPA's guidelines for implementation of Section 507 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments throughout the SBEAP/SBO network. Once the relevance and usability are determined, the subcommittee will strive to create a dialogue with EPA to discuss modifications.

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- **Measurement Subcommittee** – The overall mission/purpose of the measurement subcommittee is to work cooperatively to support the SBO/SBEAP National Steering Committee, improve SBEAP measurement information, training, and resources, and respond to SBEAP measurement needs in a timely manner.
- **Multi-Media Subcommittee** – The overall mission of the subcommittee is to explore the status of multimedia assistance throughout the SBO/SBEAP network, develop a definition of that assistance, and consider development of resources to help programs with this issue.
- **Promotional Subcommittee** – The overall mission of the subcommittee is to promote the activities of and exposure to the state Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) (507 programs).
- **Technical Subcommittee** – The charge of the subcommittee is to look at technical issues and rulemakings that are of interest and impact to small business and consequently to the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs. Technical issues and interests were approached as a basic building block in the early foundation of the National Steering Committee. Central to the subcommittee's goals has been the desire to get involved in EPA's rulemakings, policy decisions, and guidance development in the representation of small business interests.
- **Technology Subcommittee** – The charge of the SBO/SBEAP NSC technology subcommittee is to look at technology issues that are of interest to the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs. The subcommittee's goals include addressing issues such as the definition of "technology," and provision of enhanced electronic communication and facilitation.

During the national conference held in Sacramento, California in 2005, further discussion ensued about the future of the 507 Programs. As a result, the group recommended that an additional subcommittee be added to address Program funding issues. The Steering Committee has not yet acted on this recommendation.