

WSU IAC Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting

5/10/2024

In Attendance:

- Dr. An Ho: WSU faculty and WSU IAC Director
- Jennifer Bodine: WSU Energy & Sustainability Manager
- Bonnie Christiansen: WSU Sustainability Engagement Manager
- Lena Morgan: Intermountain Sustainability Summit Coordinator
- Jacob Cain: WSU Facilities Management Associate Vice President
- Justin Owen: WSU Operations Director
- Lorenzo Long: Ogden City Sustainability Manager
- Sara Mees: Ogden City Business Development Division Manager
- Chris Tallackson: Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development Energy Efficiency Specialist
- Stephanie Russell: Weber County Economic Development Director
- Dr. Kody Powell: University of Utah IAC Co-Director and faculty
- Julie Sieving: University of Utah IAC Co-Director
- Brooke Tucker: University of Utah IAC

Presentation Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Review DOE grant project objectives and timelines
3. Stakeholder involvement with the IAC
4. Other stakeholders missing that should be involved?
5. Questions and/or issues to consider
6. Future stakeholder meeting scheduling

Stakeholder Comments/Notes:

- University of Utah is contractually obligated to provide 20 industrial assessments per year and 10 commercial assessments. The U of U would be looking to have WSU eventually take on the 10 commercial assessments. The U of U IAC covers a 150-mile radius territory.
- Chris said that there is a lot of energy-related K-12 curriculum already developed that might be useful for summer workshops and outreach. He can provide us with the contacts necessary to obtain that curriculum.
- Utah State University (Price, Utah extension) is creating an energy engineering degree. We may want to collaborate with them in the future.

- ISS said that they could provide a letter of support. Need to set up a meeting with the ISS organizers to develop the workshop, marketing/outreach plan, and discuss Summit scholarships.
- Recommended that the WSU IAC work with Weber County's government relations office and Chamber of Commerce to advertise the IAC and invite elected officials and staff to come with the students when they are conducting assessments.
- Sara asked if retail businesses could receive free assessments. IAC is geared mostly towards industrial and commercial but retail could be an option if it is a larger sized retailer like Walmart or Target.
- We need to identify K-12 outreach events and community events to attend. Start making those connections and identifying those events.
- Other potential stakeholders identified: Utah AEE Chapter, Utah ASHRAE Chapter, Ogden Weber Chamber of Commerce, representative from Weber/Ogden K-12 school districts.
- Sara mentioned that WSU's College of EAST already hosts quite a few summer camps. Could we add energy engineering elements to those existing camps?
- Kody mentioned that it might be wise for WSU to consider creating an energy emphasis within our existing mechanical engineering program to draw more student participation into the IAC.
- Lorenzo mentioned that he would love to have students conduct assessments on Ogden City buildings.
- Lorenzo mentioned that he will be hosting an Energy Wise virtual roundtable event this summer where WSU's IAC could be advertised.
- Sara mentioned that the Weber Ogden Chamber of Commerce hosts a NuBiz symposium once or twice per year that we may want to table at to advertise the IAC.
- Future meetings: An and Jenn to set up future meetings with individual stakeholders to work on various IAC components. Full stakeholder meetings to be held maybe twice per year. Stakeholders would like to be kept informed about needed help, goal progress, and goal achievement.