

State Panel: Perspectives on the interplay between individual state goals and regional collaboration and action

William Grant is the Deputy Commissioner of the Energy Division within the Minnesota Department of Commerce, where he oversees Utility Planning and Advocacy, Low Income Home Energy Assistance and Weatherization programs, and the State Energy Office. Mr. Grant was promoted to Director of the Midwest Office of the Izaak Walton League of America in 1995, and to the position of League Associate Executive Director in 2002. Mr. Grant directed the League's advocacy of utility regulatory reform policies to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy in the Upper Midwest beginning in January 1992. Before joining the League, Mr. Grant spent seven years with the Minnesota Department of Public Service, his responsibilities including review of utility conservation plans, integrated resource plans, and certificate of need filings, and interventions before federal regulatory agencies. Mr. Grant holds a B.A. in political science and history from Macalester College in St. Paul (1979), and his Masters in Public Administration from Hamline University, St. Paul (1995).

Teresa Kittridge is the President of the Minnesota Renewable Energy Marketplace (MNREM), which is a private sector led, non-profit focused on strengthening the renewable energy industry in Minnesota. Ms. Kittridge utilizes her 30 plus years of leadership and experience in both the private sector as a President of Publishing Companies - Picture Window Books and Compass Point Books, and in the public sector as National Programs Director in Washington DC for RUPRI - Rural Policy Research Institute and as an elected Officer of the MN House of Representatives for 20 years. She currently serves as the Chair of the School Board of District 110 in Waconia, Minnesota. Ms. Kittridge holds a M.A. in Organizational Leadership and a B.A. in Business Administration.

Stephen J. Konya, III was appointed Chief of Staff of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in May 2008. In this position he oversees all programs and initiatives for development of the agency's economic development goals and missions. Furthermore, Mr. Konya serves as a key policy advisor to the DECO Director and to the Governor's Office on economic development issues. He also represents both DCEO and the State of Illinois on a number of boards, committees, and taskforces in the following key sectors: energy, international trade, entrepreneurship, regional investment, military veterans support, regional planning, housing, transportation, community infrastructure and workforce development. Previously, Mr. Konya served as chief financial officer and executive assistant to the director of the Illinois Human Rights Commission. He also served with honor in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1996-2003. He was awarded a commendation in 2001. Mr. Konya holds a B.A. in business administration with majors in both finance and international business from Loyola University Chicago.

Karen Massey is the Deputy Director of the Missouri State Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority, a position she has held since September 1999. Ms. Massey oversees the day to day operations of the Authority and has primary oversight for the Missouri Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund and the public security, tax and legal aspects of the State Revolving Loan Fund, the Missouri Energy Efficiency Leveraged Loan Program and private activity bond transactions. She recently completed a special assignment to the Department of Natural Resources Director's Office where she served as the Energy Coordinator overseeing the Department's Division of Energy and other energy related matters. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Director, Ms. Massey served as the Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Public Service Commission handling state and federal legislative matters for those agencies. Currently she is the President for the National Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities and is a member of EPA's Environmental Finance Advisory Board. Ms. Massey attended Missouri State University and Loyola University-New Orleans and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri.

Private Sector Panel: Perspectives on regional collaboration on infrastructure, investment, job creation, policy and regulatory frameworks

Mike Bull is the Manager of Environmental Policy at Xcel Energy. In this position, Mr. Bull is responsible for development, evaluation and implementation of cost-effective clean energy and emission control strategies, primarily for Xcel Energy's Upper Midwest operations. Previously, he was Senior Resource Analyst at Xcel, responsible for strategic evaluation of resource alternatives to meet customer demand in the Upper Midwest. Prior to joining Xcel, Mr. Bull was Regional Policy Manager for Wind on the Wires, the Midwest regional partner for the American Wind Energy Association. He has also held a number of policy positions in Minnesota state government, including Senior Policy Advisor for Energy and the Environment for Governor Tim Pawlenty and Deputy Director of the Minnesota Office of Energy Security. Mr. Bull earned a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1993, and a Master of Public Policy degree from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota in 1994.

Jason R. Hall was nominated to be the Executive Director of the Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) in April 2009 by Governor Jay Nixon and unanimously confirmed by the MTC board of directors. In this capacity, he serves as the senior advisor to Governor Nixon on entrepreneurship, capital formation, and technology-based economic development. Recently, he assisted Governor Nixon in designing and managing his \$17 million IDEA Seed and Venture Capital Funds, which is the first early-stage equity finance program in the country implemented through President Obama's State Small Business Credit Initiative. Mr. Hall has also worked closely with the Governor, the Missouri General Assembly, and a statewide coalition to design legislation that would create Missouri's first long-term funding mechanism to support technology-based economic development. He joined the Nixon Administration from the St. Louis office of the international law firm Bryan Cave LLP where he had been an attorney focusing his practice on antitrust matters. He represented high-tech and science-focused clients, including the leading multi-industry licensing organization that ushered in DVD technology. Mr. Hall received his Juris Doctor degree from Vanderbilt University Law School and his Bachelor of Arts with honors in economics from Bates College where he graduated magna cum laude and was selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Curt Magleby is currently Director of U.S. State and Local Government Relations for Ford Motor Company. In this position, Mr. Magleby engages with policymakers on a wide range of automotive issues to shape and develop public policy initiatives that encourage and promote economic growth and accelerate new technologies. He joined Ford in 1988 as a financial analyst for Ford's Electronic Division after working for Exxon Corporation as a petroleum engineer. In 1989, he began a series of international assignments with Ford starting in Chihuahua, Mexico and moving to Penang, Malaysia, and Singapore. In Mexico, he accepted an assignment in Manufacturing as a Production Superintendent, overseeing daily plant operations of over 700 workers. Moving to Malaysia, Mr. Magleby was part of a leadership team for an electronics joint venture involving Ford, Mazda, and Sanyo with various assignments including Financial Controller and Production Manager. In Singapore, his role as Director of ASEAN Affairs interfaced with Ford's program teams to support supplier development and government affairs activities for Ford Operations in Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia. With his experience in working with governments on automotive policies, Mr. Magleby returned to the U.S. in 1999 in the role of federal legislative affairs manager in Washington, D.C., focusing on trade, tax, and technology issues. After five years, he moved to Michigan to lead Ford's Public Policy office and assume his current role as Director of State and Local Government Affairs. Mr. Magleby holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Brigham Young University.