

Statement of Intent Template
For Implementation of an EcoPartnership
(revised on Nov. 5, 2008)

This is a Statement of Intent regarding voluntary cooperation between _____ and _____ for the purpose of developing collaborative projects that further energy security, promote economic sustainability and advance environmental sustainability in the United States and China and prioritize finding solutions to the energy and environmental challenges that both countries face. This cooperation is under the EcoPartnerships Framework pursuant to the Framework for the Ten Year Cooperation on Energy and Environment between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China signed on June 18, 2008. (note: EcoPartners should add language about how the specific partnership relates to this)

I. Objective:

The goal of the EcoPartnership is to facilitate a cooperative relationship between the EcoPartners for sharing of best practices and implementing targeted pilot programs that can serve as a model for other enterprises, academic/research/ management/training entities, other nongovernmental organizations and associations, and various levels of sub-national governments in the United States and China.

The purpose of this Statement of Intent is to memorialize the mutual understanding of the EcoPartners regarding their expectations and respective roles under the EcoPartnerships Framework. This Statement of Intent provides an overview and sets forth the general operating principles and guidelines for cooperation between the EcoPartners.

II. Background:

- Short overview of proposed partnership
- Short description of what the US partner will bring to the partnership (bullet points)
- Short description of what the Chinese partner will bring to the partnership (bullet points)
- Relationship of other organizations: (list other involved organizations if applicable)

III. Operating Principles and Guidelines

In order to further the goals of the EcoPartnerships Framework, the participants understand that participation in the Framework is based on the following structure:

1. The EcoPartners anticipate that their cooperation will last a minimum of two years. (note: the EcoPartners can put in a specific end date if desired)
2. Each side of the EcoPartnership should identify a Team Leader responsible for the implementation of the Action Plan and cooperation with the other participant(s). This Team Leader also serves as a point of contact for the Ten Year Framework Joint Working Group. This Team Leader should be actively involved in the implementation of the partnership and be part of the Task Force (below).
3. A Task Force should be established to manage cooperation between the EcoPartners. The Task Force should be comprised of at least three members from each country. The members should be representatives from the participating organizations, participating levels of government (if any) and other sectors of society with an interest in the partnerships goals. The Task Force member list should be provided to the Ten Year Framework Joint Working Group within six weeks of signing this Statement of Intent.
4. The Task Force should submit an Action Plan to the Ten Year Framework Joint Working Group within six months of signing this Statement of Intent, and this Action Plan is intended to serve as the first semi-annual report, as well. The Action Plan should provide an overview of the partnership, milestones for the first two years of the partnership, medium-term goals of the partnership, and a long term vision of the goals intended by the EcoPartners. The Action Plan should become the basis for future reporting to the Joint Working Group.
5. The Task Force should provide semi-annual reports in writing to the Joint Working Group of progress towards the milestones and goals of the partnership. Milestones may be reassessed in the semi-annual reports to adapt to the changing economic and policy environments faced by both the U.S. and Chinese partners.
6. Recognizing the roles of national governments of the U.S. and China to provide advice, coordination and support for these EcoPartnerships, the Task Force should cooperate with the Joint Working Group to communicate best practices and the success of the partnership broadly.

Participation under this Statement of Intent is to commence on the date of signature and may be modified or extended subject to mutual approval in writing between the participants, and may be discontinued if one of the participants notifies the other in writing of this intention.

This framework is signed in Beijing on this date of _____ of December 2008, in the English and Chinese languages.