

Foundation Project

Response to Stakeholder Feedback: Working Group

Following publication of the draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Terms of Reference and Call for Nominations for the Foundation Working Group, the IESO received feedback in two categories:

- Feedback pertaining to the Working Group itself; and
- Broader feedback related to the overall Foundation project.

Below are the IESO's responses to feedback related to the Working Group. The IESO is reviewing the broader feedback and will communicate those responses when completed.

Feedback

We would like to understand the value in participating with the working group given that the draft terms of reference state there is no consensus or voting requirement as part of the process. How much influence will participants have in this process?

IESO Response

The Foundation [Stakeholder Engagement Plan](#) identifies the role of the working group and stakeholders and demonstrates how the working will contribute to the objectives of this project. Ensuring stakeholders views are reflected and considered is a critical aspect of this project and the IESO's stakeholder engagement process more generally.

Differences of opinion will be documented and shared; however, the IESO will work with the Working Group on a best effort basis to achieve consensus to support recommendations.

Feedback

I fully agree that the MDM/R offers significant additional potential value for the design of conservation and demand response programs, system planning, policy development, academic research and to support innovation in Ontario. However I am concerned that none of these functions are represented on the Foundation Working Group which will be limited to approximately 12-15 representatives with selection criteria that includes:

- Knowledge and experience of LDC advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) and customer information system (CIS).
- GIS and data mapping
- Information security and privacy
- Regulatory and legal issues related to data access and privacy

IESO Response

The concern expressed was based on the contents of the Foundation Working Group [Terms of Reference](#). The [Call for Nominations](#) for the Foundation Working Group, includes a broader selection criteria including:

- Expertise in the subject matter to be addressed by the FWG, including:
 - o Law and policy relevant to data access and privacy;
 - o Technical requirements regarding the MDM/R implementation;
 - o LDC AMI and CIS systems and business processes;
 - o GIS and data mapping;
 - o Data analysis and manipulation; and,
 - o Information security and privacy.
- LDC representatives knowledgeable about the major AMI and/or CIS systems as applicable, in order to ensure that required functions and interfaces are properly addressed;
- Representation of the views of electricity consumers;
- Representation from potential users of the data; and,
- Representation from potential providers of complementary data.”

Feedback

It is ... not clear if this Working Group will be remunerated and what kind of support will be provided by organization.

IESO Response

Working Group members will not receive remuneration from participation in the Foundation Working Group. However, as per the description in the [Terms of Reference](#), reasonable recovery of expenses incurred to attend meetings will be provided. All such expenses must adhere to the Ontario government directive on travel expenses.

The IESO/SME staff will be conducting research and producing materials to be considered as part of the Foundation Working Group's activities.