

Template: Memorandum of Understanding

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
[NATION]
AND
[COUNTERPARTY]

I. Background

The [INSERT ISLAND NATION] recognizes that reducing its dependence on imported oil is a primary pathway toward achieving energy independence and a cleaner environment. [NATION] is now embarking on the next phase of its clean energy future to drive economic vitality and growth through building the innovation sector and providing sustaining opportunities for job growth.

By taking action to transition from oil imports to use of local, indigenous renewable resources and efficient technologies, the [NATION] and the [COUNTERPARTY] are developing pathways for job creation, industrial transformation, environmental compliance, and technological innovation.

In [YEAR], [NATION] took the first steps to transitioning its energy system away from a dependence on imported oil. [NATION] recognizes the value of setting a long-term vision, and recognizes the role of [COUNTERPARTY] in convening the broad set of stakeholders necessary to set that vision and assess the pathways to realize that vision. [NATION] also recognizes the value of leveraging resources, knowledge, and experience of [COUNTERPARTY] in a shared commitment for the deployment of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and alternative transportation technologies, and promoting various opportunities to pursue innovative, tailored energy solutions.

II. Purpose

[NATION] and [COUNTERPARTY] (collectively referred to as “the Parties”) will enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to set a vision, articulate pathways to realize that vision, promote effective collaboration, and prepare [NATION] to successfully complete the transition of its energy system. This includes jointly pursuing innovative policies, technologies, deployment strategies, and financing approaches relating to, without limitation: energy efficiency; renewable energy; alternate fuels; electric transmission and distribution systems; energy storage; alternative fuel vehicles; and other forms of clean transportation.

The successful execution of the purpose of the MOU will position [NATION] to focus on local energy resources, including efficiency, ensure continued long-term investment in its energy sector and achieve energy autonomy and sustainability.

III. Roles of the Parties

The Parties hereby agree that they will undertake, subject to Section IV and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the following activities under the MOU:

A. Parties Collectively

The Parties will endeavor to:

1. Agree on near- and medium-term opportunities for collaboration to achieve the [NATION] goal of [INSERT ONE TO THREE GOALS], in order to eliminate the State's reliance on imported oil;
2. Act, in support of one another and in concert when appropriate, to realize the benefits of the opportunities identified in (A)(1);
3. Designate Points of Contact ("POCs") for undertaking activities in concert and for consultation regarding activities relevant to the MOU undertaken individually; and
4. Support and promote communications and awareness campaigns to inform consumers, businesses, and major stakeholders in [NATION] of the goals and benefits of this Partnership.

B. [COUNTERPARTY]

The [COUNTERPARTY] will endeavor to:

1. Identify available resources that could further the purpose of the MOU, and work with the State to make appropriate use of those resources;
2. Provide technical assistance relevant to achieving the purpose of the MOU;
3. Assist in convening the national stakeholders that may help achieve the purpose of the MOU, realize the benefits of opportunities identified in (A)(1), and successfully complete the actions contemplated in (A)(2);
4. Ensure that the POCs identified under (A)(3), supra, employ effective communication relating to MOU activities in performance plans or other relevant planning structure; and
5. Designate a lead for each opportunity identified under (A)(1), supra, responsible for working with the POCs to coordinate activities under (A)(2).

C. [NATION]

[NATION] will endeavor to:

1. Develop the technical, workforce and academic tools necessary to realize the purpose of the MOU;
2. Identify, coordinate and maintain collaborative working relationships with key local stakeholders for implementation of the MOU;
3. Identify and lead processes required to fulfill the MOU, including drafting and implementing state and local policies necessary to demonstrate and foster the leadership contemplated by the [YEAR] MOU;
4. Designate a lead for each opportunity identified under (A)(1), supra, responsible for working with the POCs to coordinate activities under (A)(2); and

5. Involve the public, academic community, private sector, and state and local officials in the following:
 - a. Shaping and executing the projects, programs and policies under the [YEAR] MOU;
 - b. Realizing the benefits of opportunities identified in (A)(1); and
 - c. Successfully completing the actions contemplated in (A)(2).

IV. Miscellaneous

A. Termination

1. As a document whose sole and primary purpose is the internal management of the Parties, the MOU may be terminated through written notice by either of the Parties at any time; and
2. Nothing in the MOU can in any way restrict either of the Parties from participating in any activity with any individual or organization, public or private.

B. Fiscal Disclaimers

The MOU shall not:

1. Be construed to impact the procurement or financial activities of the Parties;
2. Be construed to be either a fiscal or a funds obligation document; nor
3. Be construed to intend to obligate the Parties to receive or transfer anything of value, including, without limitation, to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies.

C. Cause of Action Disclaimers

The MOU shall not:

1. Create a legal obligation of the Parties; nor
2. Create a private right or cause of action for or by any person or entity.

Signatory

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Print Name

Print Name

Title

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Date

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