



EEB Hub Monthly Meet-Ups

The EEB Hub Monthly Meet-ups were conceived to further foster a collaborative environment, provide informal networking opportunities and to facilitate the exchange of ideas among all EEB Hub investigators. In addition, the Monthly Meet-ups provide an education forum for all EEB Hub investigators throughout the year and assist the Hub in implementing and reaching its goals by building cross-task teamwork and collaboration among performers. The Meet-ups contribute to the “under one roof” concept that the Energy Innovation Hubs were based on, which allows the open sharing of ideas to spark innovation.

Participants enjoy light refreshments while catching up with other EEB Hub investigators. The Meet-Ups are scheduled for the Wednesday before the first EEB Hub Operating Committee meeting of each month, in order to ensure maximum inclusion of those traveling in for Operating Committee and task meetings.



The Monthly Meet-Ups are sponsored each month by a different EEB Hub performer organization, so no U.S. Department of Energy funds are expended. The sponsoring organization is given the opportunity to present on a topic to the participants in order to stimulate conversation and collaboration.

The Monthly Meet-ups are organized primarily by the Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) member of the EEB Hub. DVIRC engages manufacturers, specifically small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs) into the EEB Hub. DVIRC sponsored the first Monthly Meet-Up on March 7, 2012. Welcoming remarks were given by Sharon Ross of DVIRC and Paul Hallacher of Penn State. Christine Knapp of Penn State presented the new logo and branding for the EEB Hub for feedback and conversation.

Sponsors and topics have so far included:

- April- PPG staff provided two overviews from PPG Ideascapes: Metal Coatings- The latest in cool roof and coil/extrusion coatings; and Architectural Glass- Introducing PPG’s new Digital Architectural Glass Binder.
- May- Lutron provided an overview of Lutron’s products that manage and control electric lighting and daylight to reduce energy costs, and increase comfort.
- June- United Technologies Research Center (UTCR) provided a company overview and profile of the UTCR family of energy-efficient building products and services.
- July- Penn State will provide a presentation on the Land Grant Tradition in the Twenty-First Century.

