



The Terranaut Almanacs Series | Your Participant Invitation

Presented by: **The EarthShot Foundation**

Date: Thursday, November 11, 2010

Location: **Council on Foreign Relations**

RSVP here: [Stephanie Leib, Terranaut Program Manager](#)

Topic: **Renewable Energy Finance Innovation**

Time: 12:00 (noon) to 3:45pm (lunch provided)

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In collaboration with award-winning film director, [Steve Dorst](#), The [EarthShot Foundation](#) introduces the fourth event in the Terranaut Almanacs Series. Terranauts gather throughout the year in Washington, DC, Boston and San Francisco, to explore issues revolving around energy, economy and environment. Top thought-leaders and decision-makers join their peers to discuss these issues within the context of **accuracy, competency, and readiness for change and scale**.

Terranauts aspire to an ambitious thesis – **we already know what we need to do**. And where we may not know and have not acted, or disagree, the series invites participants to set forth their positions and facts. Most events provide a collegial, attack-and-defend dialogue, where the evening's keynote speaker presents a bold thesis. A group of leading thinkers and doers will challenge or adapt that thesis with the goal of making it stronger and more actionable, or to refute it.

The Terranauts and Their Mission

Green Capital and Project Finance Innovation

Invited Participants (confirmed list announced 10/31):

Jonathan Silver – DOE Loan Guarantee Program

Ken Berlin (moderator) – Coalition for Green Capital

Keith Martin – Chadbourne & Park

Dick Rai – PNC Bank

Mona Dajani – SNR Denton

Darren Van't Hof – US Bank Tax Equity

Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance

Jennifer Von Bismarck, TowPath

Final participant group to be announced on 11/01/10

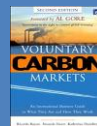
Renewable Energy (Project) Finance Innovation

The renewable energy industry is growing rapidly in the US, but challenges to finance availability and policy certainty persist. Tax equity is limited. Policy-driven finance instruments are expiring (US Treasury grant), confounding (DOE loan guarantees), disallowed (PACE bonds) or risky (SREC contracts). Initiatives like the [Green Bank](#), [Carbon Market](#), and [Energy Independence Trust](#), as well as the usual suspects – **private equity, tax equity, vendor finance and the like** – are eager to establish risk-mitigated, scalable and innovative solutions. In short, lots of capital stands ready to underwrite qualified projects. This event asks, **“do we already know what we need to do to scale RE finance?”**

Suggested Readings



[Global Trends in Sustainable Energy Investment 2010](#) by Bloomberg New Energy Finance & SEFI © 2010



[Voluntary Carbon Markets](#), By R. Bayon, A. Hawn, and K. Hamilton © 2009, EarthScan



[Who's Winning the Clean Energy Race?](#) By Pew Charitable Trusts © 2010



[The Green Bank](#) by J. Podesta and K. Kornbluh; © 2009

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