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From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 3/5/2018 10:48:54 PM
To: Rhines, Steven [sprhines@noble.org]
CC: French, Stephanie [skfrench@noble.org]
BCC: Subramanian, Hema [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=65e089600e8b4724a2e85997849bd208-Subramanian, Hema]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

Thanks!

From: Rhines, Steven [mailto:sprhines@noble.org]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 5:45 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: French, Stephanie <skfrench@noble.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

Tate,

Attached is what we have provided. Thank you.

Steve

Attendees: William Buckner, president, Noble Research Institute, LLC; Bruce Knight, principal and founder, Strategic Conservation Solutions (former Chief of NRCS-USDA, 2002-2006)

Purpose of the Meeting: Brief the Administrator and EPA staff regarding the formation of a national coalition, convened by the Noble Research Institute, to create a new voluntary environmental services market that benefits agricultural producers and improves the environment for society at large. The underlying environmental services market will be built upon a land stewardship and management platform to promote stewardship through management, and specifically, promote practices to build soil health on working lands, which yield multiple ecosystem services, including increased carbon stores and improved water quality.

Background on the Meeting: In August 2017, we met with Administrator Pruitt in Oklahoma, we outlined an early concept for a land stewardship program to yield and quantify ecosystem services on working lands with a related free market approach to properly value such ecosystem services. Since this early conversation, Noble has hosted several industry and market stakeholders discussions and planning sessions; the early concept is taking shape and efforts are focused on creation of the appropriate free market platform.

We invite the Administrator and EPA staff to:

- identify any considerations (e.g., ecosystem services priorities, regulatory factors, documented economic benefits, expertise) that should influence or shape the early design of the land stewardship program/ecosystem services market;
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- note the Noble Research Institute's willingness and ability to assist the Administrator or EPA regarding agricultural production or agricultural land stewardship, primarily in the Southern Great Plains

On Mar 5, 2018, at 4:34 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Do you have a list of topics?

From: Rhines, Steven [<mailto:sprhines@noble.org>]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: French, Stephanie <skfrench@noble.org>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

I just forwarded this to Ms. Woodward.

These are our attendees.

Steve

Begin forwarded message:

From: <sprhines@noble.org>
Date: March 5, 2018 at 4:03:02 PM CST
To: "Woodward, Cheryl" <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: "French, Stephanie" <skfrench@noble.org>, "Aldridge, Liz" <eaaldrige@noble.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

Ms. Woodward,

I have been informed that only Mr. Buckner and Mr. Knight will participate in the March 8 meeting.

Mr. Rowe is regrettably not available.

This does not change the subject or scope of the discussion. Rather, it is merely to update your records.

Thank you,

Steve

On Mar 5, 2018, at 11:18 AM, Rhines, Steven <sprhines@noble.org> wrote:

Thank you.

Steve

From: Woodward, Cheryl [mailto:Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 10:22 AM
To: Rhines, Steven <sprhines@noble.org>
Cc: French, Stephanie <skfrench@noble.org>; Aldridge, Liz <eaaldridge@noble.org>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

My name is Cheryl Woodward, the point of contact for logistic at EPA. Your meeting with Administrator Pruitt on Wednesday, March 8 at 3:45 pm is confirmed. The instruction/direction is below. If you have any questions, please contact me. Look forward to seeing you.

Directions: EPA address is 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are coming by taxi/vehicle, you want to be dropped off on 12th Street NW, between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenue. It is almost exactly half way between the two avenues on with Federal Triangle Metro sign and Trump Hotel Towers across street is a landmark. From 12th Street, facing the building with the EPA and American flags, walk toward the building (under the flags) and take the glass door on your left hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left. This is the South Lobby entrance to the William Jefferson Clinton building.

Once inside the building, security will prompt you to scan all items such as bags, coats etc., and then let the guards know that you were instructed to call Cory Preston at Ex. 6 or Hayley Ford at 564-2022 to escort you to the meeting with the Administrator. Security will have the visitors passes for everyone. Allow for 10 minutes to get through the process.

From: Rhines, Steven [mailto:sprhines@noble.org]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: French, Stephanie <skfrench@noble.org>; Aldridge, Liz <eaaldridge@noble.org>
Subject: FW: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

Ms. Woodward,

I wanted to follow up on this email and Tate's note.

Please confirm the address of where the meeting will occur. Also, if there are any special instructions. We are finalizing the group's calendars, and we want to make sure that this piece is complete.

Thank you.

Steve

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rhines, Steven" <sprhines@noble.org>
Date: February 28, 2018 at 1:50:34 PM CST
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: "Ford, Hayley" <ford.hayley@epa.gov>, "Woodward, Cheryl" <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>, "Aldridge, Liz" <eaaldridge@noble.org>, "French, Stephanie" <skfrench@noble.org>
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Again, thank you, Tate. We appreciate this.

Regards,

Steve

From: Bennett, Tate [<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 1:30 PM
To: Rhines, Steven <sprhines@noble.org>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting with Admin Pruitt

Hey Steve! Any chance 3:45 on March 8th works for you all to come to the EPA to meet with the Admin for 20-30 min? If so, can you send me a list of attendees and topics? Also, I've copied Mrs. Cheryl Woodward to this e-mail who can assist you on locating/ getting in the building. Thanks so much!

Tate

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Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 3:46 PM
To: Aldridge, Liz <eaaldridge@noble.org>
Subject: EPA meeting with Pruitt

Ms. Aldridge,

Obviously I've been helping schedule a lot of the meetings for Bruce and Mr. Buckner out here in DC next week, and Bruce just copied me into the email chain about having the meeting with Pruitt at 3:45 on the 8th. Should I send a calendar invite, or are you going to or did someone from the agency already do that?

Thanks,
Timothy Schoonhoven

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