

## **CSI Wednesday Briefing – 10.22.08 “Building Retrofits”**

### **Presenter/Resource People Bios**

#### **Joel Rogers, Director, Center for State Innovation**

Joel Rogers is a professor of law, political science, and sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He directs COWS, the national think-and-do tank on high road development, and the new Center for State Innovation (CSI). Rogers has written widely on democratic theory and American politics and public policy. His most recent book (with Richard Freeman) is *What Workers Want* (2006). A longtime activist as well as academic, Newsweek identified him as one of the 100 Americans most likely to shape US politics and culture in the 21st century.

#### **Paul Mitchell, Policy Director for Economic Development, Workforce, & Energy, Office of Governor Mitch Daniels**

Paul Mitchell serves in the Office of Governor Mitch Daniels (IN), where he is Policy Director for Economic Development, Workforce, & Energy. In this capacity, he serves as an advisor to the Governor and oversees legislation, policy, and program development for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, and Indiana Department of Labor, and acts as Governor’s liaison to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission and Office of Utility Consumer Counselor. He also serves as secretary of the Accelerating Growth Interagency Implementation Team comprised of senior leadership from all state agencies involved with economic development and charged with coordinating the implementation of Indiana’s strategic economic development plan. Mr. Mitchell also leads the Office of Federal Grants and Procurement (OFGP). The OFGP was created by Executive Order on Governor Daniels’ first day in office. Its goal is to significantly increase the number of federal grants and procurement contracts coming to Indiana by coordinating and facilitating the grant efforts of State agencies and institutions. As the single point of contact for federal assistance to the State, the OFGP operates as a clearinghouse for all federal grants.

#### **Michael Jesanis, Principal, Serrafix Energy Consulting Group**

Since November 2007, Mr. Jesanis has been a principal with Serrafix, a firm providing energy efficiency consulting and implementation services, principally to municipalities. He also serves as an advisor to Hy-Syence, a start up technology company focused on extracting electricity from waste water. From July 2004 through December 2006, Mr. Jesanis was President and Chief Executive Officer of National Grid USA, a natural gas and electric utility, and a subsidiary of National Grid plc, of which Mr. Jesanis was also an Executive Director. Prior to that, Mr. Jesanis was Chief Operating Officer of National Grid USA from January 2001 to July 2004.

**Eric Sundquist, Senior Associate, COWS**

Eric Sundquist (MS in public policy, Georgia Tech; MH in humanities, University of Richmond; BA Miami University) is a COWS senior associate and a policy analyst. He works on sustainable energy policy, with a focus on transportation and building energy efficiency. He serves on the transportation working group of the Wisconsin Global Warming Task Force, and on the Madison Plan Commission. In addition, Sundquist leads the transportation working group of the regional clean-energy coalition REAMP. Before joining COWS in 2007, he worked as a transportation researcher at Georgia Tech, as an instructor at Georgia State University, as an editor for the Journal of the American Planning Association, and as an editor at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and several other newspapers.