**SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL UNCONVENTIONAL GAS**

**REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP**

**Proposal**

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Energy Resources (DOS/ENR) is working with the Government of Indonesia (GOI) to host a regional Unconventional Gas Technical Engagement Program (UGTEP) workshop in Jakarta. The Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources will co-host this unconventional gas regulatory and environmental workshop in conjunction with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum (APEC).

The event is a three-day program focusing on unconventional gas development in Southeast Asia, shale gas development in the United States, regulatory perspectives on shale gas development and the types of environmental regulations needed to promote sustainable development.

The program will be modeled after the very successful joint State/ENR-Chilean Ministry of Energy regional Latin American UGTEP conference that was held 31 July – 2 August in Santiago, Chile.  This Chilean conference was attended by approximately 70 high-level and technical representatives from Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay, and Peru. U.S. speakers included representatives from the Departments of State, Energy, Commerce, and Interior (U.S. Geological Survey and Bureau of Land Management), the Colorado School of Mines Unconventional Gas and Oil Institute, West Virginia University, and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

**Timeframe**

The event will occur in May 6-8, 2013.

**Cost**

Given the topical focus of the workshop, the USG will make travel funding available for all ASEAN travel-eligible economies as well as limited travel funding for non-ASEAN APEC travel-eligible economies.

**Attendees/Participants**

ENR would work with the GOI Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in order to establish an appropriate list of companies, provincial government officials, and representatives from the relevant central government ministries.  We will work with the GOI and the ASEAN and APEC Secretariats to invite representatives from ASEAN and APEC member countries and other Southeast Asian countries that might be interested in attending.  Approximately 60-70 attendees are anticipated.