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Wisconsin's Focus on Energy Announces \$750,000 Available for Environmental and Economic Research Projects

MADISON, Wis. (October 6, 2008) - Wisconsin's Focus on Energy Environmental and Economic Research and Development (EERD) Program announced \$750,000 in grant funding available for 2009 research projects that study the environmental and economic impacts of electricity and natural gas use in Wisconsin. The program is looking for projects that study the impacts of:

- Renewable energy or energy efficiency initiatives
- Biomass energy production and use to offset electric generation and/or natural gas
- Climate change in Wisconsin due to electricity or natural gas use

Proposals must demonstrate a clear and critical need in Wisconsin for new or continued research. Of particular interest are projects that fill gaps in existing knowledge in the designated interest areas. Specific project areas under each category are outlined in the [Request for Proposals](#).

Any researcher or research organization with a project relevant to Wisconsin can apply for a grant. The EERD Research Forum will evaluate proposals and make funding recommendations, which are slated to be announced in January 2009.

Prospective applicants must submit an [Intent to Propose](#) form by Oct. 23, 2008 and those invited to submit a full proposal must submit them by 12 p.m. on Nov. 13, 2008. For additional information contact Ingrid Kelley at (608) 238-8276 x136.

About Focus on Energy

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call (800) 762-7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

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