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Focus on Energy Announces a New Dairy Farm Anaerobic Digester Grant

- Eligible Wisconsin Dairy Farms could receive up to \$250,000 -

MADISON, Wis. (February 27, 2007) –The Renewable Energy Program is now offering grants up to \$250,000 to promote more installations of anaerobic digesters in the state. This grant provides financial support for an installation at eligible Wisconsin dairy farms.

“With the help of the Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Program, Wisconsin is leading the nation in anaerobic digester installations,” said Larry Krom of the Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Program. “A farm anaerobic digester can help manage animal waste while providing an additional revenue source. For example, a digester for a 1000 cow dairy farm can produce enough renewable electricity to power 150 average Wisconsin homes.”

What is the Dairy Farm Anaerobic Digester Grant?

Farms searching for answers to environmental pressures surrounding livestock production as well as to increasing energy costs are considering anaerobic digester systems. This grant provides financial support for the installation of a commercially available anaerobic digester system at eligible Wisconsin dairy farms to produce electricity and/or thermal energy. For eligibility requirements, contact Focus on Energy.

Available Funding

On a competitive basis, a maximum grant of \$250,000 will be available to provide financial support for the installation of one or more anaerobic digester systems at dairy farms, up to a maximum of 25 percent of the cost of the farm energy system. The actual grant award is based on a calculated estimate of the quantity of electricity and/or utilized heat the anaerobic digester system will produce in one year.

How to Apply

Proposals must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 5, 2007. To download your grant application and submit a proposal, go to focusonenergy.com/rfp or call 800.762.7077 to have a copy mailed to you. Information on additional Focus on Energy incentives for Wisconsin farmers and residents can be found at focusonenergy.com/renewableenergy.

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About the Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Program

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus on Energy's Renewable Energy Program seeks to raise awareness, provide training and financing, enhance marketing, promote technical assistance and support the installation of renewable energy technologies across Wisconsin. For more information call 800.762.7077 or visit focusonenergy.com.

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