



Wisconsin's Focus on Energy Announces \$1.3 Million Available for Environmental and Economic Research Projects

MADISON, Wis. (March 7, 2008) - Wisconsin's Focus on Energy Environmental and Economic Research and Development (EERD) Program announced \$1.3 million in grant funding available for research projects that study the environmental and/or economic impacts of electricity and natural gas use in Wisconsin. Multiple year projects will be considered in this funding cycle. The program is looking for projects in four categories:

- Environmental and Economic Impacts of Biomass Energy Production and Use to Offset Electricity Generation and Natural Gas Use in Wisconsin
- Impacts of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Industries on the Wisconsin Economy
- Environmental and Economic Impacts of Climate Change in Wisconsin Due to Electricity or Natural Gas Use
- Economic Effects of Electricity and 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.

Prospective applicants must submit an Intent to Propose form by April 8, 2008 and those invited to submit a full proposal must submit them by 12 p.m. on May 1, 2008. Forms and additional information can be found on the Focus on Energy Web site at focusonenergy.com or by contacting 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 be 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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