

### Renewable Energy Alternatives For Wisconsin





#### A significant challenge...



### **Renewable Energy Initiatives**

#### **Executive Order 145: Conserve Wisconsin**

- Create high performance building standards
- 10% reduction per gross square foot by 2008, and 20% by 2010.

#### Wisconsin Act 141: Renewable Electrical Energy Goals

• 10% renewable by the end of 2007, and 20% by 2011.

#### Governor's Pilot Program to go "off the grid" in five years.

• Acquire or produce renewable energy equivalent to consumption.

#### **Evaluation criteria**

- Current fuel mix used in heating/cooling plants;
- Existing fuel permits for heating and cooling plants;
- Local utility offering a green power purchasing program;
- Campus participation in a green power program; and
- Support of the campus administration.

#### Four campuses selected:

• UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-River Falls, and UW-Stevens Point.

### **Current UW Green Energy Purchases**

Campus	Percent	Annual Cost	Funding Source
	Purchased		
UW-Green Bay	10%	\$18,000	Segregated Fees
UW-Oshkosh	11%	\$35,000	Non-student PR
UW-Stevens Point	10%	\$25,000	Segregated Fees
UW-River Falls	Under negotiation		

## **Green Energy Options**

Heating/Cooling plants: renewable fuels Paper pellets and wood Bio-diesel fuel Biomass gasification reactors



## **Green Energy Options**

Primary focus is electrical energy



- Annual Average WI home = 8,800 KWH
- Pilot project electrical energy goal >86 million KWH
- Act 141 20% electrical energy goal > 128 million KWH
- Two sources with the most potential: Purchase green power from state utilities Generate green power from wind tower turbine generators

## Green Energy Costs and Availability

- Green energy is typically purchased at a premium cost of approximately 1¢ per KWH.
- Three campuses may be able to purchase enough green power.
- Some potential funding sources agency funds agency utility appropriations campus operating budgets segregated fees, etc.



### Wind Turbine Generators

- Provide electrical power directly to site or generated power can be sold to the local utility
- Tower site selection criteria: Prevailing wind speeds
  Wind flow obstructions (buildings, trees, etc.)

Adequate electrical distribution system (transmission lines)



## A Case Study – Carleton College

- Cost approximately \$1,900,000.
- State provides an incentive of \$0.015 per KWH for the first 10 years.
- Incentive is added to the \$0.033 per KHW income from the utility.
- The project offsets about 40% of the college's current electrical usage.
- Carleton expects payback in 9 to 11 years.

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Wind tower turbine generator installed in 2004.

20-year useful life.





Turbine and three 135 foot blades atop a 230 foot steel tower.

### Wind Turbine Installation



1,650 KW turbineproduces approximately4.6 million KWH per year.



#### Alliant Energy's New Bohemia Solar Project in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

#### Solar panels produce 7,200 watts of electricity.



# Next Steps

UW System and DOA-Division of State Facilities staff have been meeting with utility providers around the state to learn more about their capabilities and plans.

UW System/DSF mini-summit on November 17th to continue the planning process with emphasis on renewable fuels.



