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Wisconsin Launches First State-Federal Partnership to Boost Industrial Energy Efficiency

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) today announced that Wisconsin is the first state to join the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in signing a Memorandum of Understanding promoting greater energy efficiency throughout the state's industrial community. Joining the PSC and DOE in this collaboration are the state's Focus on Energy program and CleanTech Partners.

The goals of this partnership are to foster increased awareness, deployment and use of energy efficient practices and technologies by industries throughout Wisconsin. The effort builds upon the success of DOE's *Save Energy Now* initiative and Focus on Energy's continued success in working with Wisconsin industry. The partnership will also lead to further adoption of industrial practices and technologies that save substantial amounts of energy in Wisconsin.

“This partnership is yet another example of how Wisconsin continues to lead the nation in adopting energy efficiency best practices,” said PSC Chairperson Dan Ebert. “This collaboration will help businesses around the state reduce their energy bills which will improve their bottom lines. The Memorandum of Understanding will also provide a platform for training so that managers of manufacturing facilities can identify measures that will further reduce their energy use.”

For your convenience, an electronic version of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached as the next page in this pdf document. For more information about the U.S. Department of Energy's efforts in Wisconsin, please visit DOE's website at:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts/progress_alert.asp?aid=258.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

In the interest of promoting greater energy efficiency throughout Wisconsin's industrial sector, this memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishes a voluntary collaborative effort among the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin's Focus on Energy program (Focus), and CleanTech Partners (CTP).

The goals of this voluntary effort are to foster increased awareness, deployment, and use of energy efficient practices and technologies by industries in Wisconsin. Achievement of these goals will help to promote state and national success in energy security and environmental improvements.

This collaborative effort builds upon 1) the success of DOE's Save Energy Now initiative, 2) CTP's successful deployment model, and 3) Focus' successful Industrial Program in Wisconsin, and will lead to further adoption of industrial practices and technologies that will save substantial amounts of energy in Wisconsin. The partners of this MOU will:

- Promote awareness, demonstration, and adoption of selected technologies funded by DOE's Industrial Technologies Program that promote, among other things, natural gas and electricity demand reduction.
- Identify and inform one another, as known, of the availability of relevant government financial assistance programs.
- Engage EPA Region V if federal permitting becomes a barrier in implementing these technologies.
- Train and certify 20 or more new Qualified Specialists in the State of Wisconsin within the next year.
- Conduct fifteen DOE Energy Savings Assessments (ESA) in 2007 and conduct 100 similar assessments at Wisconsin facilities over the next three years (to include standard ESA-style reporting of results).
- Support outreach efforts of the Save Energy Now program in Wisconsin, encourage implementation of assessment recommendations in Wisconsin industrial plants, and foster replication of energy savings across facilities under the same corporate ownership.
- Facilitate access by the partners to DOE software tools, training materials, technical information, case studies, and tip sheets on industrial energy efficiency.

This MOU expresses the intentions of the parties to work together in pursuing these objectives to produce energy benefits for Wisconsin industrial firms, the State of Wisconsin, and the nation.

The Department of Energy enters into this Agreement under the authority of section 646 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, as amended; 42 U.S.C. § 7256).

This Agreement in no way restricts either of the Parties from participating in any activity with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

This Agreement is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Nothing in this Agreement authorizes or is intended to obligate the Parties to expend, exchange, or reimburse funds, services, or supplies, or transfer or receive anything of value.

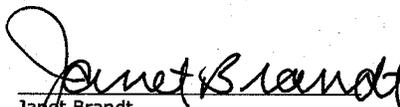
This Agreement is strictly for internal management purposes for each of the Parties. It is not legally enforceable and shall not be construed to create any legal obligation on the part of either Party. This Agreement shall not be construed to provide a private right or cause of action for or by any person or entity.

All agreements herein are subject to, and will be carried out in compliance with, all applicable laws, regulations and other legal requirements.

This memorandum shall become effective upon execution by representatives of the following organizations.


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