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Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

Wisconsin Energy Statistics Online Portal

- The Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) recently unveiled the Wisconsin Energy Statistics portal. This online portal provides a snapshot of energy use in Wisconsin and its economic and environmental impacts.
- The Wisconsin Energy Statistics online portal is replacing the prior Energy Statistics Book to make the information more accessible and support more frequent and regular data updates.
- To learn more about the Wisconsin Energy Statistics portal please visit the links below.

[Press Release](#)

[Energy Statistics Portal](#)

Focus on Energy Trainings

- Focus on Energy provides training opportunities to assist Wisconsin businesses in making smart energy decisions. In addition to in-person trainings and webinars, recorded, on-demand trainings are available. Visit the training webpage to see all the trainings offered.

[Focus on Energy Events & Training Webpage](#)

Wisconsin Refueling Readiness 2023 Grant Program

- The OEI plans to open the WI Refueling Readiness grant program soon. The grant will be available for private, county, and tribal entities in priority areas to install tap switchgear to quickly hook up a generator at an existing fueling station during a power outage.
- Application instructions will be posted to the WI Refueling Readiness (wi.gov) website. Subscribe to **docket 9705-FG-2023** to get an alert when the Application Instructions are posted. OEI will provide an overview of the program and the application process in an upcoming webinar.
- Prepare for program launch:
 - Determine whether you do business in a priority area (see program summary, linked below)
 - Set up grant account registrations. See the “How to Apply” section of the

[Refueling Readiness
Webpage](#)

[Program Summary](#)

Grid Resilience Program Grant Update

- The Commission has issued a memo on the scope and priorities of the upcoming Grid Resilience Program. The public comment period on the memo is open until August 18, 2023.
- The Commission will make decisions on the program design at an upcoming open meeting.
- Following Commission decision, OEI anticipates releasing one or more competitive grant cycles to solicit projects from eligible applicants. OEI will host a webinar at the beginning of each grant cycle to help potential applicants understand the funding opportunity and grant requirements.
- Stay informed of progress by subscribing to docket 9713-FG-2022 through the OEI Federal Funding page linked below.

[OEI Federal Funding
Webpage](#)

[Commission Scoping Memo](#)

Energy Use in State Facilities Report Request for Bid

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is requesting bids for the preparation of the Energy Use in State Facilities Report for the period July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.
- A simplified bid document (Request #PSC240001) with the project overview, scope and deliverable details is attached below. If your firm is interested in submitting a bid for this project, please do so according to the Request for Bid (linked below) by 1:00 P.M. CDT on **Friday, August 25, 2023**.

[Energy Use in State Facilities Report-Bid Document](#)

Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate Programs

- DOE State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) released the guidance for the programs on July 27, 2023. OEI staff is reviewing the guidance to develop Wisconsin's programs, which will be delivered through Focus on Energy.
- Over the coming months, OEI staff and Focus on Energy will coordinate on the priorities and design of the two programs.
- The programs are **not yet available for consumers**. The programs are expected to be available to customers in 2024.

[Department of Energy Home Energy Rebate Webpage](#)

Focus on Energy

State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants

- The State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants (Contractor Training Program) makes funding available to state energy offices so they can train, test, and certify workers to deliver energy efficiency, electrification, and home energy improvements, including those improvements covered under the HOMES and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program.
- Program implementation decisions regarding the State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grant Program have not yet been made.
- To learn more, visit the link below.

[OEI Federal Funding Webpage](#)

EPA - Solar for All Program

- The EPA is seeking applications through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to bring solar to homes in low-income and disadvantaged communities, funded by the Inflation Reduction Act.
- The Wisconsin Economic Development Corp has been designated as the lead applicant for Wisconsin's application and is working with stakeholders to develop the design for a statewide Wisconsin application.
- The program is competitive and EPA plans to announce winners in 2024.

[EPA Solar for All](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture Accepting Letters of Interest for Empowering Rural America Program

- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) New Empowering Rural America New (New ERA) program, which helps rural electric cooperatives invest in improvements to existing generation and transmission systems or new renewable, zero-emissions, or carbon capture storage systems.
- USDA requests Letters of Interest (LOI) by **September 15, 2023**. High-scoring applicants will be invited to submit a full application.
- To learn more visit the link below.

[Empowering Rural America New ERA Program - Rural Development](#)

Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan

- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) recently submitted Wisconsin's 2023 WEVI Plan update to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for final approval.
- A copy of the updated plan can be accessed at the link below.
- In addition, the WisDOT has also developed a new online interactive map that allows the public to identify and comment on eligible areas for EV charging equipment deployment. Viewers can click on potential charging station locations for details and are able to comment on specific sites, provide general feedback, and include contact details for WisDOT responses. Click the link below to check it out.

Wisconsin Electric Vehicle
Infrastructure Plan

WisDOT Online Interactive
Map

Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign Honors 17 School Districts for Upgrading Facility Health and Sustainability

- Recently the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Efficient and Healthy Schools Campaign celebrated 17 K-12 schools and districts that implemented exemplary projects improving the energy and environmental performance for their school's.
- This award was based on school districts demonstrating success in broad work scope, clearly stating performance criteria, and describing the improvements of the completed project in energy efficiency and the learning environment.
- 1 of the 17 K-12 School Districts was located in Wisconsin. The Richmond School District was awarded the Notable Achievement: Energy Efficiency Plus Health award.
 - The Richmond School District's project included installing LED lighting, HVAC equipment and controls, and conducting indoor air quality audits.

Department of Energy
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Efficient and Healthy Schools
Announcement



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