



Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation

Energy Efficiency Day

- Did you know that October 4, 2023 is Energy Efficiency Day?
- Energy Efficiency Day is a collaborative effort of dozens of energy efficiency advocacy groups around the United States. Since the inaugural Energy Efficiency Day in 2016, this annual awareness event has been supported by hundreds of prominent organizations, companies, government agencies and others.
- The goal is to share tips, tools and stories that promote the multiple benefits of energy efficiency. Governor Evers has issued proclamations to recognize the importance of Energy Efficiency Day in Wisconsin.
- Follow the link to the national webpage to see how you can join the celebration and save money, cut pollution and create jobs at the same time!

[Energy Efficiency Day webpage](#)

RENEW Wisconsin-Solar for Good Grant Cycle is Open

- RENEW Wisconsin's Solar for Good initiative fosters the expansion of solar power among mission-based nonprofits and houses of worship in Wisconsin.
- The Fall 2023 grant cycle is now open.
- Completed applications are due on **Sunday, October 1, 2023**.

[RENEW Wisconsin Solar For Good webpage](#)

Energy Burden Action Study RFP

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is seeking services from a consultant with strong analytical, policy, and planning expertise to conduct an analysis of energy burden metrics and develop an actionable plan for short and long-term deployment of energy burden metrics for consideration in Commission programs and processes.
- This work will build on previous work already done by the Commission and others on the understanding of energy burden definitions, and the development of metrics relating to energy burden and customer affordability more generally.

- The deliverables will include an analysis and report on specific energy burden metrics, including information on how these could be applied in a Wisconsin-specific context, as well as proposals for an actionable plan with options for utilization of this information.
- Proposals are due **October 10th** and must be submitted into the Wisconsin eSupplier Portal as described in the RFP documentation.

[Link to RFP eSupplier webpage](#)

Energy Innovation Grant Corner

- For projects that had a project end date of June 30, 2023, final reimbursement requests must be submitted by **September 30, 2023** unless otherwise directed by OEI.
- Stay informed on the 2023 Energy Innovation Grant Program, by using EZ-subscribe for docket 9709-FG-2023. The Commission is tentatively scheduled to discuss the 2023 program scope, along with public comments, this Fall.
- Please contact OEI@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions.

[Energy Innovation Grant Program webpage](#)

Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) Program

- The RMUC program invites electric cooperatives, municipal, and small investor-owned utilities with limited cybersecurity resources and utilities that serve military installations to apply for the Advanced Cybersecurity Technology (ACT) 1 Prize.
- The ACT 1 Prize is a competitive funding and technical assistance program that consists of a three-phase competition that challenges eligible utilities to identify risks and implement solutions that will strengthen their systems against threats and improve overall cybersecurity.
- Eligible entities that progress throughout the competition will receive cash prizes and technical assistance to make meaningful and impactful investments in staff training, governance processes, and cybersecurity tools and technologies.
- In addition to submitting an application, Phase 1 applicants are also **required to participate in two mandatory virtual webinars**.
 - Workshop 1: Prize Overview and How to Complete on September 27, 2023 at 2pm CT. Register [here](#).
 - Workshop 2: How Future Prize Phases will work on October 11, 2023 at 2pm CT. Register [here](#).
- To learn more visit the link below or email ACT.Prizes@nrel.gov.

[American Made Challenges webpage](#)

Dane County RFP and RFI Opportunities

- Dane County WI recently issued a RFP for an organic waste diversion program and an RFI to determine the feasibility of a third community digester on the north side of Dane County.
- The organic waste diversion program will focus on finding professional services for managing food waste, yard waste, and other organic material in Dane County. Possible outcomes from this process may include:
 - A newly permitted organics recycling facility operated by Dane County.
 - A public-private partnership in the operations of existing organics recycling facilities.
 - A public-private partnership in the operations of a new organics recycling facility.
 - An alternative creative approach to managing food waste and other organic materials in the County (i.e. digestion or other food waste to energy projects)
 - Deadline to respond is **October 3, 2023 at 2 pm CT.**
- This feasibility study will focus on finding a location for a community manure processing facility with three goals in mind:
 - Collect, reduce, and redistribute phosphorus within and outside the watershed.
 - Maximize the renewable energy benefits of anaerobic digesters with biogas collection.
 - Identify agriculturally beneficial drivers for farmer participation (i.e. revenue streams, cost savings, volume reductions).
 - Deadline to respond is **September 14, 2023 at 2 pm CT.**
- Visit the links below to learn more about the RFI and RFP respectfully and to apply.

[RFP link](#)

[RFI link](#)

Investing in America Interactive Map

- The Biden Administration created an Investing in America interactive map to show the impact of the record-breaking levels of public and private investment across the states and territories under the Inflation Reduction Act.
- The State of Wisconsin is represented across the interactive map with private investments, public infrastructure, and in the stories tab.
- Check out the link below to learn more about the different types of investments in the state.

[Investing In America Interactive Map](#)

Watt's Up, Wisconsin Podcast

- The Wisconsin Energy Institute recently released a new podcast series called “Watt’s Up, Wisconsin” that will focus on the world of energy, including; microgrids, agrivoltaics, alternative battery storage, bioenergy, and so much more. The podcast will cover the big topics in energy by breaking them down into what they are and what they mean for Wisconsin.
- The Podcast can be found on the Wisconsin Energy Institute’s website as well as streaming platforms like Apple podcasts, Spotify podcasts, Google podcasts, and Castbox. Visit the link below to listen to the trailer.



Wisconsin Energy Institute- Watt's Up, Wisconsin webpage



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