



# The Wisconsin Energy Independent Communities Partnership: A Voluntary Partnership to Achieve 25x25



# Energy Independent (EI) Communities

## History

- Winter/Spring 2008
  - Over 20 US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement – signatories
  - Over 20 Eco-municipalities (The Natural Step)
- Spring/Summer 2009
  - Almost 90 counties, cities, villages, towns, tribes & school districts
- 25x25 Resolution
  - Only requirement, voluntary participation
  - 25x25 will be part of State of WI climate change legislation this session





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## 25x25 Plan Grant

- EI Pilot Communities
  - 10 groups (23 communities) are completing plans to create a pathway to 25% renewables by 2025
  - First plans due December 2009
- Second Generation Communities
  - Use ARRA opportunities to fund second round of 25x25 Plan Grants
- Create a state-wide data base
- Use information in future for GHG databases

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## ARRA Outreach/ EECBG

- Entitlement Communities (31)
  - Met with top 5 to discuss/brainstorm opportunities
  - Awards \$5.8 - \$1 million
  - Different issues from other entitlements
- Hosted two workshops
  - Walked through EECBG application
  - Shared State of WI strategy
  - Encouraged early application





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## ARRA Outreach/ EECBG

- Non- entitlement Communities (1,300+)
  - Hosted three workshops
    - Used UW-System schools & WI Tech Colleges
    - Focused on “Green Job Development”
  - Discussed *draft* of WI EECBG application
  - Shared WI priorities
  - Used “Green Jobs Survey” for projects
  - Provided a “Pre-application Checklist”



# Questions?

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