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

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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"

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Questions?

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