



The Office of Energy Independence

The office was created by Governor Doyle on April 5th, 2007 with the mission to advance energy independence in The State of Wisconsin. Governor Doyle's vision includes:

1. Generating 25% of our state's electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025.
2. Capturing 10% of the emerging bioindustry and renewable energy market by 2030.
3. Leading the nation in groundbreaking research that will make renewable energy more affordable and will create good paying Wisconsin jobs.

The Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership

It is an innovative partnership that is the first of its kind in the nation. It is an integral piece to advancing energy independence in our state.

Energy Independent Communities

The Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership begins with voluntary agreements between the Office of Energy Independence and Wisconsin communities. Communities that adopt "25x25 Goals," Governor Doyle's goal of generating 25% of Wisconsin's electricity and transportation fuels from renewable resources by 2025, will be taking the first steps toward this partnership.

This partnership already embraces the approaches and solutions that communities are currently exploring, and it will continue to foster innovation of energy resources and emerging technology. Energy Independent Communities will decide on strategies based on their unique assets and how they will capitalize on the diversity of their resources.

Partnership Benefits

1. Additional access to state and federal funding.
2. Increased technical assistance from state and federal agencies.
3. Improved energy efficiency creating additional savings and capital availability for budgeting.

Energy Independence: One Community at a Time

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Independence Levels



1. **25x25 Goals.** Pass resolution adopting the 25x25 goals.
2. **Communication & Education**
 - (a) Post community Efforts toward Energy Independence on website and link to OEI
 - (b) Promote three Energy Independence Community Events



Enact at the local level resolutions based on the Governor's Executive Orders:

1. **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Sources** (Act 141): Adopt energy standards for all energy-consuming equipment purchased by government agencies and departments; commit to renewable energy purchases for municipal buildings (20 percent by 2011). (<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/pubs/Lb/06Lb7.pdf>)
2. **Increase Utilization of Renewable Fuels in Vehicles** Owned and Operated by the local government (EO 141) by 20% by 2010 and by 50% by 2015. (http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=1781)
3. **Creation of High Performance Green Building Standards and Energy Conservation for Municipal Facilities and Operations** (EO 145). (http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=1907)



1. Agree to evaluate their current energy use and sources; determine an energy efficiency and savings strategy; and, using a checklist, determine the community potential for energy independence. The five-step process follows:
 - a. Define community boundaries
 - b. Inventory energy uses
 - c. Design an energy efficiency and savings strategy
 - d. Evaluate potential energy technologies
 - e. Match energy needs to capacity
2. Prepare energy independent plan with projected savings and costs to implement
3. Help shape state policy for the future on funding and legislation to help further the energy independence goals of the state.
4. Designate Energy Independence Coordinator (EO 192) (http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=2611)

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