

Economic Development Impacts Of Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs, Wisconsin (Overview)



Client

Facts

Period2008

Project Country

Wisconsin’s Statewide “Focus on Energy” program is a public-private partnership offering energy efficiency information and services to energy utility customers throughout the state. The statewide program was initiated by the state legislature with goals to reduce the need for fossil fuels, improve the health of the state’s economy and reduce negative environmental impacts. The Wisconsin Dept. of Administration, Energy Bureau engaged PA Consulting Group, KEMA and EDR Group to evaluate how their “Focus on Energy” was helping to improve the health of the state’s economy. Over a period of five years, EDR Group measured the program’s impacts on various sectors of the Wisconsin economy and its impacts on job creation, income levels, occupations and economic competitiveness. The outcome was a series of reports covering economic impacts, economic development policy implications, and benefit-cost analysis.

Reports that are now publically available include:

Focus on Energy Evaluation – Economic Development Benefits: Economic Impacts, By Economic Development Research Group, for the Wisconsin Public Service Commission. Related Article: **Business Coalition Praises Clean Energy Jobs Report**, Renew Wisconsin.

Economic Benefits Report. By Economic Development Research Group and PA Government Services for the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Energy.

Economic Development Benefits of the Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program. By Economic Development Research Group and PA Government Services for the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Energy.

Focus on Energy Public Benefits Evaluation: Economic Policy Analysis Final Report (year 2 program). By Economic Development Research Group and PA Government Services for the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Energy.

Focus on Energy Statewide Evaluation: Economic Development Benefits: Interim Economic Impacts (year 1 program). By Economic Development Research Group for the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Energy.

Low Income Public Benefits Evaluation – Economic Development Benefits. By Economic Development Research Group for the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Division of Energy.

An Approach to Quantifying Economic and Environmental Benefits for Wisconsin’s Focus on Energy. Paper presented at the International Energy Program Evaluation Conference.

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