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May 6, 2016

Agenda
Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee meeting
May 9; 8:30 a.m.
Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

01. Meeting agenda
02. Elect Chair and Vice Chair
03. Minutes of April 11, 2016 meeting
04. Audience recognition
05. Committee Reorganization Items
06. Sawyer County Agricultural Fair Association report
07. University of Wisconsin-Extension Department report
 - Resolution Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan
 - Farmer's Market Grant
 - 2016 State WI Association of County Extension Committees (WACEC) meeting.
08. Northwest Regional Planning Commission report
09. Recreation trails report
10. September meeting date
11. Other matters for discussion only

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Minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
April 11, 2016; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Tom Duffy (Chair), Warren Johnson, Dean Pearson, Bill Voight, and Tweed Shuman

Others present: Hal Helwig, Lori Laberee, Lori Baltursis, Ariga Grigoryan, Sheldon Johnson, Linda Zillmer, Frank Zufall, John Saunders, Ron Kubarek, Tom Hoff, Ruthie Batulis, and Carol Williamson

Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Voight, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016, meeting. Motion Carried.

Ruthie Batulis introduced herself. Ruthie will be representing the counties of Washburn, Sawyer, and Rusk on an Enbridge Embassy.

Ron Kubarek gave the committee an update on the Sawyer County Fair. All bills are paid and there is a \$10,000 balance in the checking account. Fundraising is being planned. The 2016 fair will have bull riding, demo and car racing, and a much larger carnival. The dates are August 18, 19, and 20, 2016.

Ariga Grigoryan presented information on broad band expansion grant writing workshops that are being held in April. Sawyer County Extension is hosting the event in Hayward, on April 13, at Comfort Suites from 9-11:30. The workshop will provide information on how to apply and who qualifies. Access to the application can be found on the Sawyer County website. The UW-Extension office is providing grant-writing education opportunities for the public regarding broad band expansion. Extension will not be writing a broad band grant.

Ariga is applying for a grant for the farmers market. The County will be the applicant and will need to approve. May 12, 2016 is the deadline. Ariga is working on three other grants on local food. The grants are for education. Producers of local food will be educated on good agricultural practices. Specialists will be brought in to ensure the producers are educated on good agricultural practices if the grant is approved.

Lori Laberee gave an update on nEXT Generation. Implementation is July 1, 2017. Dave Berard is a member of the project committee. There will be 20 working groups meeting for the next 4-8 months. Individuals can self-nominate themselves to be on the committee. Meetings will be once a week over Wisline. Applications are due April 12, 2016 by 5:00 pm.

Sheldon Johnson, Northwest Regional Planning Executive Director, reported to the committee. The regional revolving loan pool has grown to over \$2 million. This may be due to banks being able to offer affordable loans. Visions Northwest Group is holding RISE informational breakfasts. NWRP will be working on a Capacity Building Grant from May through December, 2016. This will include sewer and water limits within a municipality and available broad band for incoming businesses. Hazardous waste collection will be held on July 30, 2016, at the Hayward highway shop from 9-11 and Stone Lake municipal garage from 2-3:30. Hayward will collect meds and paint. Sheldon thanked Warren Johnson, Dean Pearson, and Hal Helwig for their service and support of economic development.

John Saunders gave the committee a written report from the Bike/Ped Citizens Advisory Committee. John will furnish a quarterly report. The CAC will write letters to the towns inviting them to participate on the committee. The 3rd edition of bike maps is being printed. Sawyer County's share of the cost should be less than \$1,600. Discussion on the Culvert for the Hayward trail.

Tom Duffy informed the committee that the Kortelopot will be held on Friday and the Birkie on Saturday in 2017. The bridge over 63 will be larger to accommodate four lanes of traffic. The Birkie will need more volunteers.

Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Johnson to approve the monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Shuman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Sawyer County Clerk Carol Williamson

RESOLUTION 2016 – _____

TO: The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

RE: **Resolution Opposing the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan**

WHEREAS, the process used to develop the UW-Extension Reorganization Plan was flawed, providing inadequate opportunity for meaningful input and consideration of County concerns; and

WHEREAS, the plan, as proposed, jeopardizes the partnership between UW-System and Wisconsin Counties, a partnership built on communication, collaboration and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the current Cooperative Extension system has a proven track record of success for more than 100 years as a single County based model for governance, locally set levy contribution and County determined educational programming priorities under the oversight of a County Extension Education Committee designated by the elected County Board; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization plan imposes a drastic change on rural county extension programs, shifts a greater portion of Extension resources to urban areas, reduces educator positions in rural counties, and adds a new layer of administrative overhead not accountable to county board; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Counties are unlikely to continue the current level of county tax levy support in future years if direct education services are significantly decreased, thereby making the proposed reorganization plan reckless and financially unsustainable.

WHEREAS, Sawyer County is not willing to continue providing local tax levy funding at the current level if direct county educator services are decreased as described in the plan while eliminating accountability to the County Extension Education Committee and County Board

WHEREAS, Sawyer County welcomes the opportunity to be engaged in a meaningful process of developing a more workable reorganization plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the UW-Cooperative Extension reorganization plan approved by Chancellor Sandeen on February 10, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Counties Association; Governor Walker; University President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents; and the legislators of Sawyer County.

Submitted this 9th day of May, 2016

BY: Economic Development and UW-Extension Committee

Chair

Vice-Chair

Member

Member

Member

SAWYER COUNTY SALES & USE TAX

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
JAN	\$133,519.22	\$154,920.27	\$121,895.03	\$103,387.95	\$84,858.99	\$96,324.07	\$86,290.09	\$92,161.62	\$121,742.30	\$116,152.88
FEB	\$101,218.71	\$120,003.84	\$105,717.32	\$97,665.82	\$104,764.51	\$89,521.39	\$84,318.50	\$91,319.12	\$109,692.02	\$115,192.95
MAR	\$96,417.19	\$103,558.92	\$98,045.24	\$93,708.27	\$82,206.19	\$85,593.40	\$92,892.54	\$85,354.35	\$105,347.30	\$107,844.31
APR	\$129,768.00	\$136,085.83	\$100,417.31	\$79,243.54	\$80,693.71	\$82,002.55	\$86,564.72	\$100,044.30	\$97,145.25	\$111,356.28
MAY	\$0.00	\$165,146.62	\$103,726.78	\$104,249.18	\$105,507.89	\$72,950.86	\$77,073.67	\$82,583.63	\$93,310.17	\$96,998.99
JUN	\$0.00	\$130,211.67	\$113,099.69	\$99,343.10	\$120,491.37	\$120,620.49	\$105,892.73	\$97,769.15	\$91,868.03	\$115,530.58
JUL	\$0.00	\$170,873.25	\$157,587.82	\$149,883.17	\$116,884.99	\$121,067.57	\$130,457.24	\$135,721.24	\$130,938.96	\$133,087.51
AUG	\$0.00	\$219,492.36	\$219,726.93	\$210,647.43	\$190,711.45	\$146,393.35	\$143,434.11	\$136,164.21	\$186,586.30	\$167,505.12
SEP	\$0.00	\$166,617.83	\$151,860.16	\$139,292.87	\$176,482.22	\$156,829.03	\$173,799.97	\$159,626.69	\$177,485.21	\$159,931.55
OCT	\$0.00	\$207,750.32	\$250,330.41	\$171,028.97	\$152,871.41	\$132,589.53	\$137,071.99	\$141,827.36	\$163,375.90	\$169,963.57
NOV	\$0.00	\$131,256.74	\$129,701.05	\$130,223.48	\$140,258.99	\$131,082.12	\$138,496.34	\$107,186.18	\$128,984.33	\$145,277.25
DEC	\$0.00	\$146,347.00	\$150,747.86	\$95,647.22	\$98,930.12	\$100,920.52	\$93,504.39	\$105,922.06	\$96,460.66	\$100,104.52
TOTAL	\$460,923.12	\$1,852,264.65	\$1,702,855.60	\$1,474,321.00	\$1,454,661.84	\$1,335,894.88	\$1,349,796.29	\$1,335,679.91	\$1,502,936.43	\$1,538,945.51
Budget	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,282,500.00	\$1,337,500.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,450,000.00	\$1,300,000.00

2016 Year to Date	\$460,923.12
2015 Year to Date	\$514,568.86
2014 Year to Date	\$426,074.90
2013 Year to Date	\$374,005.58
2012 Year to Date	\$352,523.40
2011 Year to Date	\$353,441.41
2010 Year to Date	\$350,065.85
2009 Year to Date	\$368,879.39
2008 Year to Date	\$433,926.87
2007 Year to Date	\$450,546.42
2006 Year to Date	\$392,321.10
2005 Year To Date	\$374,009.62
2004 Year To Date	\$358,426.34
2003 Year To Date	\$345,800.00
2002 Year To Date	\$337,402.77
2001 Year To Date	\$365,864.77
2000 Year To Date	\$245,430.63
1999 Year To Date	\$251,983.54
1998 Year To Date	\$325,773.42
1997 Year To Date	\$249,596.61

NOTE: December 2005 includes \$22,192.45 correcting adjustments
 NOTE: July 2005 includes \$728.35 Adjustment for system glitch...



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

nEXT Generation: Balancing Tradition with Transition

2016 STATE WACEC Conference

Tours and On-Site Program

Monday, June 20, 2016

Time: 2:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

On-Site Program: 2:15 p.m.

4-H: The Changing Face of Positive Youth Development

4-H Youth has evolved over the past one hundred years from a strategy to speed up the adoption of new agricultural research and innovations by adults to an organization focused on developing life skills in young people. How has research informed the work of 4-H youth development professionals, what we deliver, and the results we achieve? Participants will reflect upon our history, learn how 4-H has continually evolved to meet the changing needs of Wisconsin youth and families, and gain insights into today's youth and how our programs and professionals prepare them for their future.

Program Facilitator: Dale Leidheiser, 4-H Youth Development State Program Director

On-Site Program: 3:15 p.m.

Well Water User Study

Three groups of well water users in Fond du Lac County were surveyed regarding their knowledge and attitudes about their drinking well water. Results indicate that township wide sampling is effective at prompting testing and informing residents about the safety of their well water.

This study was funded by the WI Environmental Education Board, implemented by the UW-River Falls Survey Research Center, and advised by specialists at the Center for Watershed Science and Education. It evaluates a program used by UW-Extension Educators in most counties of the state. It gives insights into how rural residents are perceiving their drinking water safety and their responsibility for maintaining it.

Program Facilitator: Diana Tscheschlok, Fond du Lac County UW-Extension

Agriculture Tour – Agriculture Center of Excellence Farm (ACE)

The North Central Technical College (NTC) Agriculture Center of Excellence (ACE) Farm officially began as a collaboration of education, industry, and local government. Since 2011, ACE has offered courses in dairy herd management, agribusiness, and new in 2015 agronomy. NTC has been a partner with area UW-Extension Offices offering continuing education courses in nutrient management planning and farm financial workshops. This tour will look at ACE's rotational grazing heifer paddocks, robotic milking machine, cover crop plantings, and no till fields. The tour will be accompanied with Marathon County Dairy and Livestock Agent and Agricultural Development Educator to share their experiences collaborating with NTC. For more information regarding the ACE farm please follow the following link: <https://www.ntc.edu/locations/agriculture-center-of-excellence>

Tour Guides: Dan Marzu, Lincoln and Marathon Counties and Heather Schlessler, Marathon County

Youth and Families Tour: Lincoln Elementary School and The Neighbor's Place

Our tour will take us to two locations that represent significant programming for youth and families where participants will have the opportunity to meet programming partners and learn about significant community outcomes. Lincoln Elementary School is home to a successful school garden; 4-H summer club programs; and high impact nutrition education programming – all of which are a result of UW-Extension partnerships! The Neighbor's Place (<http://neighborsplace.org/>) is a local community center where UW-Extension has impacted the development of the local food bank; the computer lab; impactful nutrition education programming and other community initiatives that have benefitted low income families.

Tour Guide:

Spouse/Guest Tour: Authentic Cultural Community Resources

Our tour begins with a stop at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, where you will take in a docent-led experience of permanent collections like glass baskets and the very special Owen Gromme collection and studio. In addition, the featured fun exhibit taking place in June, titled "The Art of Seating: Two Hundred Years of American Design" makes this a true jewel to visit. The outdoor sculpture garden is delightful, and of course the flower gardens maintained by Marathon County Master Gardener Volunteers are just beautiful! Much to do and see here.

Our next stop is just a few blocks away from the Woodson Art Museum and it is the Yawkey House Museum at the Marathon County Historical Society. You'll be able to tour the beautiful Yawkey House and lovely grounds maintained by Master Gardener Volunteers. Lynn Buhmann, a Marathon County Master Gardener Volunteer, will assist with the tours of the lovely gardens on the grounds of both the Leigh Yawkey Museum and the Yawkey House.

For more information about the locations we will tour, please take a look at these webpages:

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum

<http://www.lywam.org/>

<http://www.lywam.org/the-art-of-seating-two-hundred-years-of-american-design/>

About the Yawkey House Museum

<http://www.marathoncountyhistory.com/YawkeyHouseMuseum.php?ContentId=86>

About the Marathon County Historical Society

<http://www.marathoncountyhistory.com/InsideMCHS.php?ContentId=15>

Tour Guide: Lynn Buhmann, Marathon County Master Gardener



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

nEXT Generation: Balancing Tradition with Transition

2016 State WACEC Conference

Concurrent Session Program
Monday, June 21, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

The Tuesday breakout sessions provide targeted and truly interactive attendee content about issues that are relevant to community leaders. The topics chosen for this year are cutting-edge, engaging and relevant to local leaders who are looking for effective educational responses to issues that affect their constituencies and their communities. From the Broadband, Aging Communities to Soil Health and Water Quality the University of Wisconsin Extension has developed research-based resources that can assist community leaders in their quest to find new solutions to emergent community challenges. Participants will also benefit from learning the University resources that are at their doorstep at the Extension Resources: UW-Extension serves people across the state, providing everything from open meeting law training to demographic projections for your community. Come learn how we work together to balance tradition with transition!

Concurrent Session I 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Use of Social Media to Build a Strong Organization

Local Extension educators partner with the Cooperative Extension Broadband and E-Commerce Education Center to address community frustration with access and rate of adoption of broadband. This session will highlight a case study from Iron County, illustrating how state specialists support educators to create positive change on local priorities. This case study will illustrate how local educators can maximize state resources and collaborate with state specialists to effect the highest impact change in their communities.

Attendees will learn how Extension is responding to local requests for better broadband access and adoption, better understand the collaborative relationship between local educators and topical specialists, and learn how leaders are using community development concepts to move closer to the vision they have for their community.

Participants in this session will gain a better understanding of the rapidly changing demands for upgraded broadband services, the impacts of broadband expansion on local economies, data that informs both solutions and demand, and strategies being implemented by Counties and communities to encourage broadband expansion.

Presenter: Heather Schlessor, Agriculture Agent, Marathon County UW-Extension

eParenting® High Tech Kids

eParenting® High-Tech Kids (HTK) is a strength-based curriculum to help parents of 9 to 14 year-olds understand the role digital media plays in supporting adolescents' development and enhance parenting skills using digital media. In creating HTK, county and state family living educators consulted with national parenting and technology experts and developed and administered a survey of middle school parents in rural and urban areas, which found that 1) families access the Internet with both computers and mobile devices, 2) rural areas struggle with unreliable Internet access, and 3) parents regularly search online for development and parenting information. Using this information, the team developed a two-hour, face-to-face curriculum for parents. Post-workshop evaluations from workshop attendees (n=50) in four

counties showed positive gains in both parents' understanding of 1) how digital media fulfills adolescents' development and 2) how to use digital media in parenting.

The team then used the workshop as the base for blog delivery of HTK. In spring of 2014 and spring of 2015, we piloted delivering the HTK blog via school email systems for 16 weeks with 14,000 parents of 5th to 8th graders in 38 school districts. At the end of each semester, schools sent parents a link to an online questionnaire. 235 questionnaires were completed and show that parents significantly increased their knowledge and attitudes regarding the role of digital media in parenting and increased their understanding, confidence, and use of digital media. Parents and school administrators found the weekly delivery of the emails to be a positive experience. Session participants will learn about the positive role of digital media in parenting, the HTK blog project including evaluation results, expansion of the HTK project to other states, additional projects developed, and the need for Extension to think creatively about using digital platforms as we move forward.

Presenters: Kristen Bruder, Family Living Educator, Dunn County UW-Extension and Pattie Carrol, Family Living Agent, Dodge County UW-Extension

Creating Aging-Friendly Communities

We will discuss the process of using the Aging-Friendly Communities Characteristics Survey in the community and what this will look like as the UW-Extension moves forward into the nEXT Generation model. This survey has the potential to be used in multi-county collaboration efforts, as well as across program areas.

Presenters: Libby Bestul, Family Living Outreach Specialist, State and Sara Richie, Family Living Educator, Oneida County UW-Extension

The Changing Financial Landscape for for UW-Extension Cooperative Extension: A County Office Perspective

The presentation focuses on the trend of decreasing government funding for UW Cooperative Extension over the past decade from a statewide perspective and from a county perspective using Waukesha County as a case study. The presentation will shed light on how "hard money dollars have declined during this period while "soft money" dollars have increased for both statewide UW Cooperative Extension and the Waukesha County office. The presentation will discuss the implications of these changes in funding for both statewide UW Cooperative Extension and the Waukesha County office. Finally, the presentation will explain how these funding changes transformed the Waukesha County office utilizing a new educational program delivery model.

Presenter: Jerry Braatz, County Department Head, Community Resource Development Educator, Waukesha County UW-Extension

Red Cedar Demonstration Farm – Promotion Soil Health and Water Quality Through Education

Dunn County has experienced heavy rains during the spring time these last few years. The result of these rainfalls has re-emphasized to farmers the importance of conserving their most important fixed asset - the soil on their farmland. Farmers as well as community members have expressed concerns regarding soil erosion, improving conservation practices and better water management to members of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors and government agency staff. These concerns were discussed last year and have resulted in a new partnership being formed to better promote soil health and water quality through education.

This presentation will discuss the field demonstrations and on-farm research projects that will be conducted on this farmland over the next five years. The collaborative efforts of the Dunn County Soil and Water Health Partnership and the sharing of resources from each agency will also be highlighted.

Presenter: Katie Wantoch, Agriculture Agent, Dunn County UW-Extension

Concurrent Session II 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Supporting Community Development With Broadband

Local Extension educators partner with the Cooperative Extension Broadband and E-Commerce Education Center to address community frustration with access and rate of adoption of broadband. This session will highlight a case study from Iron County, illustrating how state specialists support educators to create positive change on local priorities. This case study will illustrate how local educators can maximize state resources and collaborate with state specialists to effect the highest impact change in their communities.

Attendees will learn how Extension is responding to local requests for better broadband access and adoption, better understand the collaborative relationship between local educators and topical specialists, and learn how leaders are using community development concepts to move closer to the vision they have for their community.

Presenter: Will Andresen, Community Resource Development Agent, Iron County UW Extension and Mary Kluz, Economic Development Specialist, Broadband and E-Commerce

Commitment to Community: Building Capacity With Community Partners to Achieve Collective Impact

The FLE and CRD educators will share how they work together to build capacity across sectors for non-profit organizations, local and tribal governments and businesses; and share how they collaborate their efforts to achieve collective impact within the communities in the county.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about cooperative programming between the FLE and CNRED. Learn the steps that were took to accomplish this cooperative programming and what impact it has had on the communities within the county.
2. Learn about the Connecting the Dots Model that is used in the office to build relationships and inspire collaboration between community partners.
3. Learn about birthing new community collaborations. We will share examples of how we worked together and separately with community partners to establish new community collaborations and outcomes.
4. Share how we have been teaching community partners how to fully draw on the expertise of all program areas within the UW-Extension.

Presenters: Jay Moynihan, Community Resource Development Agent, Iron County UW-Extension and Nancy Schultz, Family Living Educator, Shawano County UW-Extension

Making the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice: Wisconsin's Nutrition Education Program

The Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) is a federally-funded effort that aims to reduce diet and physical activity-related health disparities by: empowering families and individuals with limited financial resources to choose healthful diets and to become more food secure by spending food dollars wisely; and working to make the healthy choice the easy choice where people live, learn, work, and play. In 2015, WNEP was offered in 67 of 72 Wisconsin counties and reached nearly 110,700 learners accounting for approximately 307,540 contacts with direct education efforts to improve dietary behaviors. WNEP also worked collaboratively with partners in communities to increase the accessibility and availability of affordable healthy food through policy, systems, and environmental change in 33 sites.

Though not intuitive in its name, nutrition education has been defined as any combination of educational strategies, accompanied by environmental supports, designed to facilitate voluntary adoption of food choices and other food- and nutrition-related behaviors conducive to health and well-being (Contento, 2007). Further, consistent evidence shows that implementing multiples approaches to improve eating and physical activity behaviors are most effective. Increasingly WNEP has been adapting our program approaches to align and complement our long standing individual education efforts with organizational and community level change so that making the healthy choice, is the easy choice.

Making the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice: Wisconsin's Nutrition Education Program - continued

In this presentation, participants will: become more familiar with WNEP's program scope and delivery models; be exposed to the evidence base that demonstrates greater impact and effectiveness of nutrition education programming when individual education is complemented by policy, systems, and environmental change; and learn more about the next generation of WNEP programming, including case studies of local WNEP program efforts targeting individual, organizational and community change.

Presenter: Amber Canto, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program State Coordinator

Using Technology to Engage Community Members on Agriculture Literacy

In this session we will demonstrate how clickers (Turning Point, Turning Technologies) and PowerPoint have been integrated to create an engaging presentation for youth or adult learners. The presentation is based off of a Jeopardy-like board to allow capture of present knowledge or knowledge gained after a presentation. This approach was piloted at the 2015 Farm Technology Days in an attempt to capture some audience demographics and baseline knowledge of agricultural practices (agricultural literacy). As we enter Extension's nEXT Generation, integrating technology into our daily work becomes even more important, and this presentation will be a demonstration of how technology works and has been integrated in one of UW-Extension's agriculture programs.

Presenters: Liz Binversie, Agriculture Agent, Brown County UW-Extension and Lyssa Seefeldt, Agriculture Agent, Marquette County UW-Extension

Change Is Good – Try It!

Corn Clubs, school fairs, mattress making, and stump removal – programming in our early years of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension has made way for Extension Educators of 2016 to facilitate organization development, career exploration and empowering families to deal with crisis. Over the 15+ years Winnebago County Educators, Catherine Neiswender and Chris Kniep have worked together their programming has evolved and grown as they've partnered to address community issues.

Embracing their changing roles and mindful of local resources Neiswender and Kniep have worked together to help identify needs, develop strategic plans and support organizations facing change. Their blend of experiences and training supported the merger of city and county Public Health departments addressing both personnel concerns and strategic planning. Focusing on issues of aging in the county they partnered to build capacity with the Plan Commission. Addressing "Wicked Problems" in Oshkosh, the team participated in issue identification, facilitated discussions, and supported evaluation strategies. Supporting families that are financial insecure the pair worked both within the "hub" initiative and as a consultant.

These efforts bring together the academic background of both educators, their understanding of the community, their facilitation expertise and a belief that Extension is uniquely poised to facilitate change in their community. It also results in stronger connections and innovative extension programming.

In this session, Kniep and Neiswender will share how their work in Winnebago County has changed over time, how their partnering on community issues has evolved and the value of this approach in addressing community issues and needs. In this interactive session participants will explore how "change is good" in Extension programming and encourage others to "try it"!

Presenters: Christine Kniep, Family Living Educator, Winnebago County UW-Extension and Catherine Neiswender, Community Resource Development Educator, Winnebago County UW-Extension



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

nEXT Generation: Balancing Tradition with Transition

**2016 State WACEC Conference Agenda - June 20-21, 2016
Jefferson Street Inn, 201 Jefferson Street, Wausau, WI**

Monday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee
- 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **State WACEC Board Meeting**
- Presiding: Robert Krause, WACEC State President, Shawano County
- 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Registration**
Auction Item Check-In
- Coordinators: Langlade County UW-Extension - Extension Staff
- 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **WACEC Member Orientation**
- New members AND existing members welcome!
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Conference Opening Session and Luncheon**
- Presiding: Robert Krause, WACEC State President, Shawano County
 - Opening Ceremony: Presentation of Colors and National Anthem
 - Welcome: TBD (from Marathon County)
 - ***nEXT Generation Project Engagement***
Richard Klemme, Dean and Director, UW-Extension
- 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. **WACEC Awards Ceremony and Business Meeting**
- Richard Klemme, Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension
 - Aaron Brower, Provost and Vice Chancellor, UW-Extension
- 2:00 p.m. **Silent Auction begins**
- 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. **Educational Tours *Buses leave from hotel entrance promptly at 2:20 p.m.***
- Agriculture Tour – Agriculture Center of Excellence Farm (ACE)
 - Youth and Families Partners in Action: Lincoln Elementary School and The Neighbor's Place
 - Spouse/Guest Tour: Authentic Cultural Community Resources – Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Yawkey House Museum and gardens.

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- 2:15 p.m. **On-Site Program**
4-H: The Changing Face of Positive Youth Development
• Dale Leidheiser, 4-H /YD State Program Director
- 3:15 p.m. **Well Water User Study**
• Diana Tscheschlok, Community Resource Development Educator, Fond du Lac County
- 5:30 p.m. **Social Hour – Cash Bar**
• Presiding:
• Beer & Pretzels
• Entertainment: Hmong Dance Groups: Ntxhais Qaum Ntuj and ReUnited
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. **Silent Auction Ends**
- 7:30 p.m. **Live Auction and Refreshments**
• Presiding: Allen Behl, WACEC Board State Secretary/Treasurer, Dodge County
• Auction coordinated by Langlade County UW-Extension Staff
• Auctioneer: Col. Kathy Packard
• Ring-Men: Col. Duke Packard and Col. Gary DuFour
- 9:30 p.m. **Evening Wrap Up**
• Presiding:

Tuesday, June 21

- 7:00 a.m. Registration resumes
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast by WACEC Regions**
• East-Metro
• North Central
• Northwest
• Southwest
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Concurrent Session I**
Use of Social Media to Build a Stronger Organization
• Heather Schlessner, Agriculture Agent, Marathon County
eParenting® High Tech Kids
• Kristen Bruder, Family Living Educator, Dunn County
• Pattie Carroll, Family Living Agent, Dodge County
Creating Aging-Friendly Communities
• Libby Bestul, Family Living Outreach Specialist, State Office
• Sara Richie, Family Living Educator, Oneida County

The Changing Financial Landscape for University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension: A County Office Perspective

- Jerry Braatz, County Department Head, Community Resource Development Educator, Waukesha County

Red Cedar Demonstration Farm – Promotion Soil Health and Water Quality Through Education

- Katie Wantoch, Agriculture Agent, Dunn County

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Concurrent Session II

Supporting Community Development With Broadband

- Will Andresen, Community Resource Development Agent, Iron County
- Mary Kluz, Economic Development Specialist, Broadband and E-Commerce

Commitment to Community: Building Capacity with Community Partners to Achieve Collective Impact

- Jay Moynihan, Community Resource Development Agent, Shawano County
- Nancy Schultz, Family Living Educator, Shawano County

Making the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice: Wisconsin's Nutrition Education Program

- Amber Canto, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program State Coordinator

Using Technology to Engage Community Members on Agriculture Literacy

- Liz Binversie, Agriculture Agent, Brown County
- Lyssa Seefeldt, Agriculture Agent, Marquette County

Change Is Good – Try It!

- Christine Kniep, Family Living Educator, Winnebago County
- Catherine Neiswender, Community Resource Development Educator

10:15 a.m.

Coffee/Morning Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Closing Session

***nEXT* Generation Project Engagement Continued**

- Rick Klemme, Dean and Director, UW-Extension

11:30 a.m.

SAFE TRAVELS



WISCONSIN ASSOCIATED COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEES, INC.

To: County University Extension Education Committee Members

From: Robert Krause, WACEC Board President

RE: 2016 State WACEC Conference

Place: Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI

Dates: June 20 and June 21, 2016

Hosts: WACEC North Central Region & UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension North Central Regional Staff

The 2016 State WACEC Conference – *nEXT Generation: Balancing Tradition with Transition.*

The conference materials can be found at the following link:

<http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/waceconference/>

Conference Registration: The Conference registration fee for this two day conference is \$95.00. Your registration needs to be completed by June 1st. Registrations postmarked after June 1st will be assessed a \$15.00 late registration fee. You can register online by following this link: 2016 State WACEC Conference or if you prefer, you can print out the Registration Form and mail it with your check to UWEX. Checks should be made payable to WACEC and mailed to the address listed on the registration form.

Hotel Accommodations: The location for our 2016 State WACEC Conference is the Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau, WI. You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. A block of rooms is being held until **May 19th, 2016**. You must call the hotel (no online reservations). Room rates are \$82.00 for a single room. Please let the hotel know in advance of any special accommodations needs. Also, pay special attention to documentation required for tax exempt status. **Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at (715) 845-6500.** Identify yourself as part of **2016 State WACEC Conference** when making your guest room reservation. **Reservations made after May 19th will be subject to room availability, and rates are no longer guaranteed.**

Tax Exempt Status: Please note that the hotel requires a letter of tax exempt status or a copy of the tax exempt certificate from your county/office, in order to offer **tax exempt status**. Without proper documentation, you/your county/office will be charged tax.

Special Needs: If you or your spouse/guest have special needs, such as handicap accessibility or special dietary needs, please note them on the registration form.

Auction: The conference includes a live and silent auction. Our goal is to have every county participate in the auction by donating at least one item. Your donation can be something that reflects the ethnic heritage of your area or a traditional item that highlights your county's industrial, business or recreational activities. For more information, including the 2016 WACEC Auction brochure and donation card(s) visit the [Auction page](#) on the conference site.

Vacation Planning: You may wish to take advantage of the many attractions available in Wausau and the surrounding area before or after the conference. Please contact the Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitors Bureau at: (888) WI-VISIT with specific questions or go to the website: <http://www.visitwausau.com/>

Questions: If you have questions regarding hotel rooms, please contact the Jefferson Street Inn at (715) 845-6500. All other conference questions can be directed to Stormy Cooley at UW-Extension, Dean's Office at (608) 263-1096.

Website Information: The website will be updated as new information becomes available. Please check back periodically for new information.

A special thank you to the conference planning committee!

- Jennifer Brindley, Cooperative Extension North Central Regional Office Program Associate
- Tom Schmitz, Cooperative Extension North Central Regional Director
- Robert Krause, Shawano County Board, WACEC President
- Dan Marzu, Marathon and Lincoln Agriculture Development Educator
- Bob Mott, Oneida County Board
- Penny Tank, Waupaca County 4-H Program Assistant
- Sandi Cihlar, Marathon County Board
- Pamela Seelman, Communications Program Manager, Dean's Office
- Stormy Cooley, Office Program Associate, Dean's Office

Conference hosted by WACEC Northwest Region and the Cooperative Extension Northwest Region:

[Adams](#) | [Florence](#) | [Forest](#) | [Green Lake](#) | [Iron](#) | [Juneau](#) | [Langlade](#) | [Lincoln](#) |
[Marathon](#) | [Marquette](#) | [Menominee](#) | [Oneida](#) | [Portage](#) | [Shawano](#) | [Taylor](#) | [Vilas](#) | [Waupaca](#) |
[Waushara](#) | [Wood](#)

**2016 STATE WACEC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
JUNE 20 AND 21, 2016
JEFFERSON STREET INN, WAUSAU, WI**

Name:		Spouse/Guest:	
Address:		City/Zip:	
Telephone:		Email Address:	

Please check the appropriate box(es) and identify your affiliation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	WACEC Member	County:		Emergency contact (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse/Guest	County:		Name:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension Educator	County:		Telephone:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension State/Staff Administration	Title:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please specify		County:	

Advance Registrations Must be Postmarked by June 1, 2016

Registrations postmarked after June 1, will be assessed an additional \$15 charge.

Educational Tours: Monday, June 20, 2016, 2:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice – Note you cannot combine a bus tour with an on-site tour

Bus Tours	On-Site Program
Agriculture Center of Excellence Farm	2:15 p.m. 4-H: The Changing Face of Positive Youth Development
Youth and Families Tour	3:15 p.m. Well Water User Study
Spouse Tour	

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. June 21, 2016 Concurrent Session I (Please indicate your 1 st and 2 nd choice)	9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. June 21, 2016 Concurrent Session II (Please indicate your 1 st and 2 nd choice)
Use of Social Media to Build a Stronger Organization	Supporting Community Development With Broadband
eParenting® High Tech Kids	Change is Good – Try it!!
Creating Aging-Friendly Communities	Making the Health Choice, the Easy Choice: Wisconsin's Nutrition Education Program
The Changing Financial Landscape for UW-Extension Cooperative Extension: A County Office Perspective	Using Technology to Engage Community Members on Agriculture Literacy
Red Cedar Demonstration Farm – Promotion Soil Health and Water Quality Through Education	Commitment to Community: Building Capacity and Community Partners to Achieve Collective Impact

Please indicate any special dietary requirements you have:

Please indicate any special accommodation requirements you have:

Monday night dinner (Circle Choice) 1) Beef Tips 2) Chicken Forestier 3) Chef's Choice (Vegetarian) Delegate Choice
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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES)

NOTE: The conference package includes: Monday lunch and dinner; Tuesday breakfast and breaks both days

	Attendee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse/Guest	<input type="checkbox"/>	Package Total
Conference Package Monday/Tuesday	\$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$95.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Monday Only	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Tuesday Only	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Monday - Awards Banquet Luncheon Only	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Other-Call Stormy Cooley 608-263-1096		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
			Subtotal		\$
			Late fee (\$15 after 6/1)		\$
			GRAND TOTAL		\$

CHECK MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH REGISTRATION

Make check payable to: Wisconsin Associated Counties Extension Committee

Mail To: Stormy Cooley, UW-Extension Cooperative Extension, 432 N Lake Street, Room 601, Madison, WI 53706

Questions Call: 608-263-1096

NOTE:

- Refunds are subject to WACEC Board of Directors' Policy:**
 - In the event of registration cancellation, fees paid in advance are refundable. Cancellations must be in writing (either by mail, email for fax) and received by Stormy Cooley by mail at: 432 N Lake St., Madison, WI 53706, by email at: stormy.cooley@ces.uwex.edu or by fax at: 608-265-4545 no later than the registration cut-off date of June 1, 2016.
 - WACEC will not be able to refund registration fees for cancellations postmarked after the cut-off date.
 - Refunds will be processed following the meeting, by the WACEC Board Treasurer.

2016 WACEC Annual Auction Card

Item: _____

County: _____

Description of item (i.e., how it is made, how it is used, is it unique to or part of the culture of your county):

Estimated value (if known): _____

Donated by: _____

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COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE & MEDICATION COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2016

DATE	COUNTY	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Saturday, May 7 th	Taylor	Medford – Fairgrounds	8:00 am - 11:30 am	Kyle Noonan-Taylor County Zoning Department (715) 748-1485
		Gilman - HS stud. park lot (E Crumb St)	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	
Saturday, June 11 th	Rusk	Ladysmith – Co. Hwy Garage (STH 27)	8:00 am–1:00 pm	Charmaine Johnson-Rusk County Recycling (715) 532-2167
Saturday, June 25 th	Douglas	Maple – Town Garage	9:30 am – 11:00 am	Jen Barton-Northwest Regional Planning Commission (715) 635-2197
		Solon Springs – Transfer Station 11903 S. Holly Lucius Rd.	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	
Saturday, July 9 th	Burnett	Grantsburg - Fairgrounds	8:00 am –10:00 am	Jen Barton-Northwest Regional Planning Commission (715) 635-2197
		Siren - Burnett Co. Hwy Shop 8150 St. Rd. 70	12:00 pm – 2:30pm	
Saturday, July 16 th	Bayfield	City of Washburn – Co. Hwy Garage	10:00 am–12:00pm	Tim Kane-Bayfield County UW Extension (715) 373-6104
		Iron River –Community Center	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	
Saturday, July 23 rd	Iron	Hurley - Recycling Center-606 3 rd Ave.	8:00 am– 10:30 am	Jen Barton-Northwest Regional Planning Commission (715) 635-2197
		Mercer - Recycling Town Garage 5761 N US HWY 51	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
Saturday, July 30 th	Sawyer	Hayward – Hwy. Dep. (CTH B)-	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ariga Grigoryan - Sawyer County UW Extension (715) 634-4839
		Stone Lake –Sand Lake Town Hall 6058 N. Stone Lake Rd.	2:00 pm – 3:30pm	
Saturday, August 13 th	Ashland	City of Ashland-WITC south parking lot-	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tom Wojciechowski-Ashland County UW Extension (715) 682-7017
		Village of Glidden-corner of E.1st St. and Mill St.	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	
Saturday, August 20 th	Price	Park Falls – St. Croix Rod Parking Lot	8:00 am – 11:00 am	Evan Lund-Price County Land Conservation & Zoning (715) 339-2550
		Prentice -- High School Parking Lot	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	
Saturday, September 10 th	Washburn	Spooner HHW Site, 1650 Cottonwood Ave	8:30 am – 10:00 am	Jen Barton-Northwest Regional Planning Commission (715) 635-2197
		Birchwood-Sewer Plant: 412 Edenharter Drive	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	

Household hazardous waste will be accepted at the above locations & only at designated times. Items including: oil-based paints, solvents, pesticides, hazardous cleaners, rechargeable ni-cad, metal halide and button batteries, corrosives, flammables, mercury, old gas, and antifreeze among others.

Some 2016 will include medications collections. Call your Counties Coordinator for more info. Items requiring a fee include fluorescent and high-density light bulbs, and oil filters.

Residents are welcome to utilize ANY of the above collections not just the one offered in your particular county. As long as you reside in one of the 10-counties in the NWRPC service region you are eligible to use any of them.

FEE ITEMS

The following items will be accepted at the collection at the following prices to residents:

- .50¢ per circular light tube
- .50¢ per 4' or less tube
- .75¢ per >4' tube
- \$1.75 per 4' or less shatter shield tube
- \$2.25 per >4' shatter shield tube
- \$2.00 per tanning bed bulb
- \$2.50 per H.I.D. light bulb
- \$1.00 per oil filter

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cleansweep will not accept

- Latex Paint
- Empty paint cans
- Motor Oil (except Bayfield County)
- Vehicle Batteries
- Explosives
- Freon 11 & 12
- Radioactive Materials
- Ammunition
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (larger than gas grill size)
- Recyclables
- Alkaline Batteries
- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Biological or Infectious Wastes

BUSINESS COLLECTION PROGRAM

Materials will be accepted from businesses for a reasonable fee. Please call 715/635-2197 ahead of time to make arrangements.

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Northwest Cleansweep will accept the first 200 lbs. of chemicals from farmers or abandoned farms for free. Farmers with agricultural related wastes can participate at any of the household hazardous waste collection events or at the permanent collection site in Spooner.

Pre-registration is required
Call 715/635-2197

PROPER DISPOSAL OF MERCURY WASTE

Simple household items can contain heavy metals and mercury that can contaminate rivers, lakes and fish if not properly disposed of. Bring the following items from your home to one of our household hazardous waste collections so they can be recycled or managed properly:

- Mercury batteries
- Button batteries
- Thermostats and switches
- Fluorescent and HID lamps
- Some types of old paint
- Liquid mercury
- Thermometers

Northwest Regional Housing Program

January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016

Below is a summary of activity during the first quarter of 2016. By comparison to previous first quarter reports (CY 2014 & 2015) the program is running slightly behind in applications mailed, but closer to actual applications received.

County Name	Applications Mailed During Q 1 – 2016	Applications Received and Processing During Q 1 - 2016	Regional Mortgages Secured During Q 1 – 2016	Regional Funds Obligated Ending Q 1 - 2016
Ashland	7	1	0	\$380,824
Bayfield	5	3	1	\$263,879
Burnett	6	6	2	\$239,399
Douglas	8	2	0	\$202,769
Iron	5	0	1	\$225,653
Price	14	3	0	\$186,679
Rusk	15	2	0	\$300,106
Sawyer	11	1	0	\$261,683
Washburn	12	2	0	\$479,414
Totals	83	20	4	\$2,540,406

A news release was distributed with positive feedback reported. Staff was interviewed via phone with the content aired over a radio station in Sawyer County on March 1 and reports from Douglas County representatives a local radio station read the release on air the morning of March 2. Print media ran the news release beginning the week of March 7.

An E-Newsletter was distributed in an effort to extend the reach of information regarding the housing program. It was distributed via email and can be forwarded to anyone. Those receiving the email can “subscribe” for free to receive future E-Newsletters. An E-Newsletter is planned to be distributed quarterly highlighting housing information.

The Environmental Review process for the next CDBG housing award was initiated and will conclude in the second quarter. The process is one of the requirements prior to receiving the next allocation of funds from the Division of Housing.

As always, if you have any questions please contact Sheldon Johnson at 715-635-2197 or sjohnson@nwrpc.com.



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

DNR seeks information from communities on Forestry Division headquarters relocation

Weekly News Article Published: May 3, 2016 by the Central Office

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking information from communities as it develops a proposal for consideration by the Governor and Legislature to relocate the Division of Forestry Headquarters.

As requested under WI Act 55, DNR is developing a proposal for the potential relocation of the Division of Forestry headquarters outside of Madison. As an initial step in the process, the department has issued a formal request for information, or RFI, to learn which communities may be interested in serving as home to the forestry headquarters and could meet the needs for a headquarters site.

"We're interested in learning more as we work to develop a proposal," said State Forester Paul DeLong. "We'll use the information we receive to identify locations for further assessment. In developing the proposal we also will evaluate relocation and operational costs. As part of the process, we have been working with the Council on Forestry to hear their ideas on preferred attributes of a northern location."

DeLong said municipalities have until May 26 to provide information, at which time the department will analyze the submissions and gather additional details. The resulting proposal will then go to Gov. Scott Walker and the Legislature for consideration as part of the 2017-2019 biennial budget, a process that will begin during the winter and spring of 2017.

To learn more about the forestry division, visit the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov, and search "forestry." View the RFI document (exit DNR), posted on the state of Wisconsin's public notice website. For the purposes of this proposal, the department will consider any municipality north of U.S. Highway 10.

The Official Internet site for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

101 S. Webster Street . PO Box 7921 . Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921 . 608.266.2621



STATE OF WISCONSIN • BUREAU OF PROCUREMENT

VendorNet System

Bid Announcement for Relocating the WI DNR Division of Forestry Headquarters Request for Information (RFI)

Agency Bid Number: 16-025-08
Date Available: April 29, 2016
Bid Due Date and Time: May 26, 2016 14:00:00
(All bid due times are Central Time)
Last Revision: April 29, 2016

For more information contact:

Richard Straub
NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPT OF
101 S Webster St, PO Box 7921
Madison WI 53707

E-mail Address: Richard.Straub@wisconsin.gov

Fax Number: (608) 264-6277

Are faxed bids acceptable?

No

Quote Price and Delivery FOB:

Destination

Synopsis:

This is a Request for Information (RFI) only and not a procurement. The DNR is using an RFI process to learn about potential locations that may meet the needs for a headquarters site for the DNR's Division of Forestry (FR-HQ). Locations that are interested in having the FR-HQ in their domain should reply with information about their community and how it would be suitable as the relocation site for the FR-HQ.

The Department is only seeking information from interested municipalities, not from individuals or businesses. If you are a business and/or an individual and you are interested in this request, please contact your local municipality and encourage them to respond.

Please see the attached RFI document for complete details on how to respond to this information request. Please note that the preferred method to respond would be a .pdf document emailed to richard.straub@wisconsin.gov

Commodity Codes:

97135 - Land, Rental or Lease

97145 - Office Space Rental or Lease

91889 - Real Estate/Land Consulting (Including Land Survey Consultin

57863 - Real Estate: Land and Improvements

Attached Documents:

1. Request for Information Relocating the WIDNR FR-HQ

Revision History:

No revisions have been made to this bid.

Submit questions or comments to: vendrhelp@doa.state.wi.us

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
101 S. Webster Street
Box 7921
Madison WI 53707-7921

Scott Walker, Governor
Cathy Stepp, Secretary
Telephone 608-266-2621
Toll Free 1-888-936-7463
TTY Access via relay - 711



State of Wisconsin
Relocating the WI DNR Division of Forestry Headquarters
Request for Information (RFI)

Issued: April 28, 2016
Responses Due: May 26, 2016, 2:00 PM CDT

RFI# 16-025-08

Questions concerning this RFI should be directed to:

Richard M. Straub
Senior Procurement Specialist
Department of Natural Resources
State of Wisconsin
Phone: 608-261-6415
Email: richard.straub@wisconsin.gov

Relocating the WI DNR Division of Forestry Headquarters
Request for Information (RFI)
RFI #16-025-08

I. Introduction & Background

As required in the 2015-2017 state budget (2015 WI Act 55, Section 9132, page 642), the Department of Natural Resources must develop a proposal to move the headquarters of the Division of Forestry (FR-HQ) to a northern location. The proposal will be submitted with the department's 2017-19 biennial budget request. The state budget requires the proposal to provide in detail the cost of relocating the headquarters, a timeline for implementing the relocation, and a list of options for northern locations in the state. As part of the proposal the department will assess a range of options for the location of the FR-HQ and the positions to be included in the FR-HQ relocation and note cost implications of the range of options. For the purposes of this proposal, the department will consider any municipality north of U.S. Highway 10.

II. Purpose of a Request for Information (RFI)

In order to identify potential northern FR-HQ locations, the Division of Forestry discussed potential criteria for preferred locations and solicited input from the Council on Forestry. The department is using a RFI process to learn about potential locations that may meet the needs for an FR-HQ and that are interested in having the FR-HQ located in their domain. Based on the information received, the department will assess all interested locations in the development of the final proposal.

While an RFI is being used to assist in preparing the FR-HQ proposal, this process is not a procurement and there are no plans to conduct a standard procurement in connection with the FR-HQ relocation proposal plan. This RFI is not meant to solicit fiscal estimates of the costs connected with the FR-HQ relocation and respondents do not need to supply or quantify any potential costs or cost savings as part of their response to this RFI. The State will conduct its' own fiscal assessment of all options it presents as part of the final proposed plan.

III. Submitting a Response

The Department is seeking information from interested municipalities, not from individuals or businesses.

All interested municipalities who wish to respond are directed to submit their response to this RFI to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Attn: Richard M. Straub, Senior Procurement Specialist
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921
Phone: 608-261-6415
E-mail: richard.straub@wisconsin.gov

The Department prefers to receive responses in pdf format by e-mail. E-mail your response to the Department at richard.straub@wisconsin.gov. Please limit your pdf response to no more than three (3) pages. As part of your response you may include links to other community resources, which you think are appropriate to help us fully understand your answers to our questions below.

If you hand deliver or mail your response please provide the DNR with one (1) printed copy of your response. The front of any envelope or package should include the agency's RFI title "Relocating the WI DNR Division of Forestry Headquarters", RFI #: 16-025-08 and the RFI due date (May 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM). All RFI Responses will be opened and viewed after the specified due date.

All submissions should be received at the above address by 2:00 PM, May 26, 2016.

All responses should be on municipal letterhead and should clearly indicate who the submission is from including:

- the name of the municipality that is responding,
- the name and title of the municipal official who is responsible for the content of the response, and
- contact information if the DNR needs to clarify the response or ask any followup questions.

IV. Request for Information Questions

Parties submitting a response to this RFI should provide information for the following two items.

1. Is your municipality interested in having the FR-HQ located within your domain?
2. Tell us how your community would be suitable as the relocation site for the FR-HQ. Please include how your municipality is connected with the forestry community in Wisconsin and how your location would be advantageous for the FR-HQ office.