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### **Responsible Purchasing Network Aids State of Wisconsin in Achieving Clean Energy Goals**

**Takoma Park, MD**—The Responsible Purchasing Network (RPN) congratulates the State of Wisconsin, which is now one step closer to meeting its goal of supplying 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2025.

The State officially released its request for proposals this week to find long-term renewable energy providers. With this purchase, Wisconsin will become the largest state purchaser of renewable energy in the country and will be one of the top 10 largest purchasers on the EPA's Green Power Partnership. In addition, by contracting for 10 years, the State will be able to provide stable electricity prices to its consumers while helping to support long-term investment in renewable energy resources.

Wisconsin is interested in signing a single or multiple long-term power purchase agreements with electricity providers that can provide renewable energy to the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) transmission system. The State will evaluate power purchase agreements up to 180,000 MWh, with 90,000 MWh deliverable by the end of 2007.

RPN, a member-based network of procurement stakeholders dedicated to improving human health and the environment through best practices, and Think Energy, an independent renewable energy consulting firm, are providing free assistance to the State to complete the contract and ensure the highest environmental standards and cost-effectiveness for the citizens of Wisconsin.

Chris O'Brien, RPN's Director, stated that "this RFP is evidence of Wisconsin's commitment to a sustainable energy future. RPN is happy to partner with Wisconsin and Think Energy on this historic purchasing effort."

Think Energy's CEO, Mark Crowdis, congratulated Wisconsin and pointed out that "Wisconsin has laid a blueprint for success that other states can and should replicate."

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**About The Responsible Purchasing Network:** The Responsible Purchasing Network at the Center for a New American Dream is America's first national organization dedicated to helping institutional buyers identify and acquire socially and environmentally responsible products. A group of the country's leading purchasers has created programs and services that reduce the legwork and eliminate the guesswork from buying responsibly. The resources are available online at [www.ResponsiblePurchasing.org](http://www.ResponsiblePurchasing.org).

**About Think Energy**—Think Energy is a consulting firm committed to expanding the use of clean, renewable energy. Think Energy enables its clients to assess the financial, environmental and energy security benefits of renewable and distributed energy systems and products. The company works primarily with large energy consumers, helping them find the most economical strategies for using environmentally friendly sources of energy to run their organizations.