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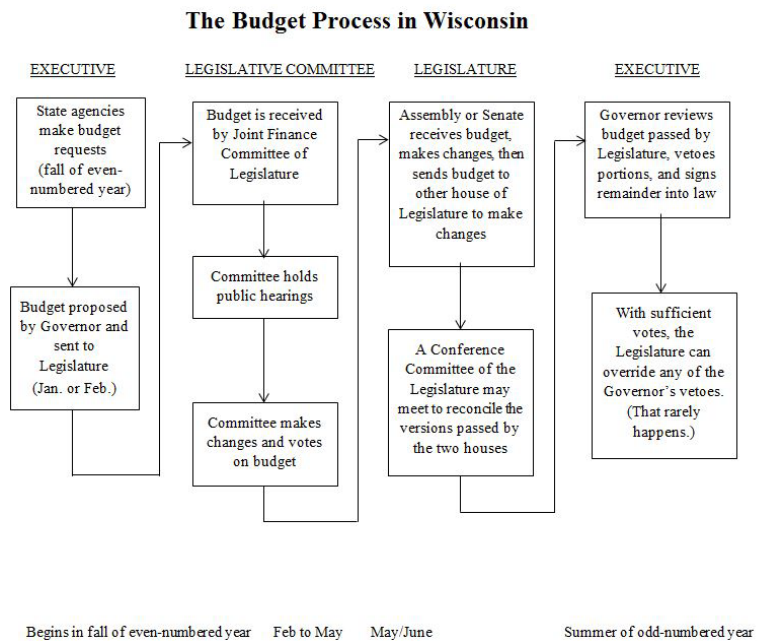
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The process to develop the next biennial state budget for the State of Wisconsin has begun. On February 3, Governor Scott Walker gave his budget recommendations for the 2015-2017 biennial budget to the Wisconsin Legislature. From this point forward, the Legislative Joint Finance Committee will lead the budget process. The committee will hold hearings on the bill, make changes, and eventually forward the bill onto the full Assembly and Senate for passage into law.

To follow the budget development and the Legislative Joint Finance Committee, please monitor their web page at <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/committees/joint/1384>. The bill numbers for the State Budget Bill are AB21 and SB21.

The graphic below depicts the generalized budget process for the development of the Wisconsin State Budget. It can be found at <http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/budget-toolkit/the-wisconsin-budget-process>.



Community Development Block Grants

A new year means a new annual funding cycle for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Planning Program and Public Facilities Program.

CDBG Planning Program – These grant funds support community efforts to address improving community opportunities and vitality. Grants are limited to projects that, if implemented, would meet a CDBG National Objective.

CDBG Public Facilities Program – These funds help support infrastructure and facility projects for communities. Some examples of eligible projects include improvements, repairs, or expansions of streets, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, sidewalks, and community centers.

Check the CDBG website at <http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development> at the end of February for application information. Regional trainings will be held in March.

Register for the Governor's Conference on Tourism

Registration is open for the 2015 Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism (WIGCOT), which will take place March 15-17 in La Crosse.

WIGCOT is an annual three-day education and networking event for Wisconsin tourism businesses and organizations, state agency officials, and other representatives of the hospitality industry. Held March 15-17 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, the conference pairs top national presenters with a variety of programming to further professional development. Prior to February 13, attendees receive early bird registration for \$225 and registration for one day is \$140.

Keynote presentations by:

- Governor Walker and Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett on Wisconsin Tourism and marketing efforts
- Shawn Achor on "The Happiness Advantage: Linking Positive Brains to Work Success"
- Connie Podesta on "Life Would Be Easy... If it Weren't for Other People!"

Breakout sessions on:

- Experiential Communication
- Leadership
- Multi-cultural Marketing
- Sports Marketing
- Arts and Culture
- Technology Trends
- Data Privacy and Security
- Social Media Marketing

Find more information and register at <http://wigcot.org/>.

Financial Literacy Workshops

The Office of Financial Literacy (OFL) promotes financial literacy as a life skill and provides information to the public on matters of personal finance and investor protection. OFL leads and originates initiatives on financial and economic literacy and capability in order to expand opportunities and security to Wisconsin residents through partnerships. Below are upcoming events that would benefit and assist your citizens towards a higher level of financial fitness and to ultimately strengthen your community and the state.

March 6 – 7, 2015	Econ for Opinion Leaders: Teachers
June 23, 2015	Economics in the News: A Seminar for Media Professionals
August 3 – 4, 2015	Econ for Opinion Leaders: Clergy and Nonprofit Managers
August 5 – 6, 2015	Econ for Opinion Leaders: School Board Members and Administrators, Green Bay
September 17 – 18, 2015	Econ for Opinion Leaders: School Board Members and Administrators, Stevens Point

Economics for Opinion Leaders is a series of seminars on economics for Wisconsin area opinion leaders including include journalists, teachers, clergy, nonprofit managers and elected officials. This seminar will introduce opinion leaders to the economic way of thinking which stresses choices, costs, incentives, rules of the economy system trade and gains from trade. It will feature energetic presentations, clear examples, and interactive simulations on voluntary trade, property rights and supply and demand. The goal is for area journalists, teachers, clergy, nonprofit managers, elected officials and staff walk away with an understanding of the key concepts of economics.

For more information, visit <http://www.economicswisconsin.org/EconforOpinionLeaders.html>.

ATV Grant Applications Now Available from the DNR

Local units of government can now submit applications for the *All-Terrain Vehicle Grant Program*. Counties, towns, cities, villages and tribes are encouraged to apply for these grant dollars that can be used to acquire, insure, develop and maintain ATV trails, areas and routes.

The Department of Natural Resources has established eligible items and funding levels for this grant program. They are as follows:

- All-terrain vehicle trails available for spring, summer, and fall reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs. Maximum: \$600 per mile
- All-terrain vehicle trails available for winter riding reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs. Maximum: \$100 per mile
- Development of ATV trails and areas reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible costs.
- Major rehabilitation of bridge structures or trails reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible costs.
- Maintenance of ATV intensive use areas reimbursable up to 50 percent of eligible costs.

Trail funds are ranked and distributed for the following purposes:

- Maintenance of existing, approved trails, areas, and routes
- Liability insurance acquisition
- Easement acquisition
- Major rehabilitation of bridge structures or trails
- Land acquisition and development of new ATV trails and areas

Please consult the ATV Application Guidelines for information about eligible/ineligible costs for development and maintenance projects.

The Wisconsin State Legislature made specific changes to Chapter NR 64 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES resulting in the creation of a Hybrid Trail or "Troutes [PDF]," which is an all-terrain vehicle trail and route combination.

Applications are due in the regional offices by April 15, 2015, for the following season. For questions or additional information on this grant program, contact your DNR community services specialist. Any costs incurred prior to receipt of a grant are not reimbursable and may jeopardize your entire grant.

Can You Locate Your Local Comprehensive Plan Online?

The Department of Administration (DOA) is seeking updates to the online library of comprehensive plans.

Comprehensive plans are local land use plans that include a 20-year vision for development, created through a process of public participation. Comprehensive planning is intended to make the land development process more predictable for developers, realtors, property owners, and local officials.

Local governments are encouraged to make their plans available online and share the link with DOA. If your community has adopted a Comprehensive Plan and posted the document, please visit the "Library of Plans" to ensure that the link to your online plan is up-to-date.

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Comprehensive-Planning/>

Please send any updates or corrections to peter.herreid@wisconsin.gov by March 1, 2015.

Free Hazardous Waste Training For Employees

People who use products containing hazardous chemicals at work are **required** to be familiar with proper waste handling, disposal and emergency procedures. The Wisconsin State Hazardous Waste Contract provides *free* training designed to meet the state regulatory requirements for Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste and Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste. The training is open to state, tribal government, K-12 public school, technical school, and municipal employees.

Wisconsin Administrative Code requires employers to provide training to workers who use hazardous chemicals to ensure the employees are thoroughly familiar with proper handling, disposal and emergency procedures relevant to their responsibilities. The training covers the management and proper disposal of products such as fluorescent lamps, batteries, laboratory chemicals, oils, antifreeze, paints, thinners, cleaners, corrosives & poisons.

These training sessions meet the state regulatory requirements in NR 662.192(1)(e)(3) for Small Quantity Generators of Waste and NR 673.16 for Small Quantity Handlers of Universal Waste.

Who Should Attend?

- Employees who work with hazardous chemicals
- Facility operations, maintenance, buildings and grounds management
- Employees involved with vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Laboratory workers who generate waste solvents or other chemical wastes
- Stock/supply-area workers who order, receive or store chemical products
- Supervisors who oversee personnel with the duties listed above

Training Sites and Dates

Thursday	February 26	Mendota Conference Center, Madison
Wednesday	March 4	Volk Field, Camp Douglas
Tuesday	March 10	Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College (Hayward)
Wednesday	March 11	UW-Stout, Menomonie
Tuesday	March 17	UW-Green Bay
Friday	March 20	UW-Waukesha
Wednesday	March 25	Oneida County Boardroom (Rhinelander)
Thursday	March 26	UW-Marshfield
Wednesday	April 1	UW-Fond du Lac
Thursday	April 2	Mendota Conference Center, Madison

Training sessions begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m.

The Bureau of State Risk Management sponsors this free training. To register or view the agenda, go to <http://veoliaes-ts.com/Seminars>.

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