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### EPA-USDA announce Cool & Connected Broadband Project

Rural communities interested in using broadband service to revitalize small-town main streets and promote economic development are encouraged to apply to EPA-USDA Cool & Connected project, a pilot sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service and EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities  
<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>

Cool & Connected project helps community members develop strategies and action plans for using planned or existing broadband service to promote smart, sustainable community development. <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/cool-connected-announcement-federal-planning-assistance-broadband-and-sustainable>

A letter of interest is due Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Submit to Ed Fendley at [Fendley.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Fendley.Ed@epa.gov)

### WI Public Service Commission: USF Medical Telecommunications Equipment Grant Program - Telemedicine Grant Application for FY2016 and FY2017

The Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program is a grant program under the Universal Service Fund that enables non-profit medical clinics or public health agencies to apply for funding to purchase medical telecommunications equipment (Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.115).

The Commission may award \$500,000 for FY2016 and \$500,000 for FY2017 for a total of \$1.0 million in grants for the Telemedicine Equipment Grant program. New application materials for FY2016 and FY2017 are available at:  
<http://psc.wi.gov/utilityInfo/tele/usf/programs/tmSummary.htm>

Applications for FY 2016/17 Telemedicine Equipment Grants are due March 31, 2016. Should you have any questions regarding the grant application guidelines, please contact Dennis Klaila at 608-267-9780 or e-mail [dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov)

## Registration Open for 2016 WHEDA Development Classes

Learn about developing affordable rental housing in your community. Hear from Wisconsin Industry leaders about the many facets of affordable housing development including market demand, planning, financing feasibility, finding sources and much more!

March 2-3, 2016 – 8:00-4:30 p.m.  
& March 4, 2016 – 8:00-3:00 p.m.  
100 Manpower Place, Dialog 1 Room  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

April 27-28, 2016 – 8:00-4:30 p.m.  
& April 29, 2016 – 8:00-3:00 p.m.  
Urban League of Greater Madison, 2222 S. Park  
Street, Evjue Community Rm, Madison WI 53712

For more information and to register visit: [www.wheda.com/developmentprogram](http://www.wheda.com/developmentprogram)

## Training Dates for Community Development Block Grants

The Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing & Community Resources – Bureau of Community Development is pleased to announce two application training sessions regarding the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Public Facilities and for Planning. In anticipation of a highly competitive process for accessing CDBG funding, the purpose of the training is to offer potential applicants guidance and instructions in writing successful grant applications. The two application training sessions will be:

- February 24, 2016 in Madison, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, with a webinar training option
- March 2, 2016 in Minocqua, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

More information is available at [www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Housing/Bureau-of-Community-Development)

## ATV Trail Aids

Counties, towns, cities, villages and tribes can apply for funds to acquire, insure, develop and maintain ATV trails, areas and routes.

### ***Troutes***

Specific changes to NR 64 created Hybrid Trails (“Troutes”) or all-terrain vehicle trail and route combinations. To learn more about troutes, view the Troute information at <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/atvTrails.html>. You may download the Troute information as a PowerPoint file for use in presentations.

Eligible items and funding levels:

- All terrain vehicle trails available for spring, summer, and fall reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs; max: \$600 per mile
- All terrain vehicle trails available for winter riding reimbursable up to 100 percent of eligible maintenance costs; max: \$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

Any costs incurred PRIOR to receipt of a grant are not reimbursable and MAY jeopardize your entire grant. Consult the ATV Application Guidelines (CF-004) for information about eligible/ineligible costs for development and maintenance projects.

### ***Ranking Priorities***

Trail funds are distributed according to the following ranked purposes (NR 64.14).

- 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

Applications are due in the regional offices by April 15 for the following season. See [dnr.wi.gov/Aid/atvTrails.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/atvTrails.html)

## Register for the Governor's Conference on Tourism, March 13-15

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 13-15 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in the Wisconsin Dells, the conference pairs top national presenters with a variety of programming to further professional development. Prior to February 4, attendees receive early bird registration for \$225, and registration for one day is \$140. Find more information and register at <http://wigcot.org/>.

### **Agenda Highlights**

Keynote presentations by:

- Governor Walker and Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett on Wisconsin Tourism's successes and hopes for the future
- Dr. Janet Lapp on "Bold Leadership Through Disruptive Change"
- Josh Tickell on the "The Millennial Code"

Breakout sessions on:

- Experiential Communication
- Multi-cultural Marketing
- Creative Industries
- Leadership
- Technology Trends
- Corporate Social Value
- Labor and Employment
- Digital and Social Media

## Economics and Financial Literacy Seminars

The Office for the Advancement of Free Enterprise Education (OAFEE) is the primary community outreach division of the Business and Economics Academy of Milwaukee. OAFEE offers seminars to Wisconsin heroes and opinion leaders taught by talented college and university faculty members. OAFEE offers seminars under two main programs:

***Economics for Heroes (Firefighters & Police Officers, and Veterans)*** – The goal of the Economics for Heroes programs is to present a series of two-day, face-to-face, web-supported seminars on personal finance and free-market economics for Wisconsin's heroes—military veterans, police officers, and fire fighters—as a way to improve their financial well-being and to increase their understanding of free enterprise.

***Economics for Opinion Leaders*** -- The goal of the Economics for Opinion Leaders programs is to present a series of two-day, face-to-face, web-supported seminars on free-market economics for Wisconsin opinion leaders—teachers, school administrators, elected officials and media professionals—to increase their understanding of free enterprise and enable them to responsibly share that knowledge with the groups they serve.

For more information or to register, visit [www.oafee-beam.org/#!/seminars/ch6q](http://www.oafee-beam.org/#!/seminars/ch6q).

# 2016 Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Awareness & Waste Disposal Training

## Awareness level training

Employees working at state-owned or operated facilities or employees of municipalities, tribal governments, public K-12 schools, technical colleges and universities, need to be thoroughly familiar with proper waste handling and emergency procedures relevant to their facilities operations.

The Bureau of State Risk Management sponsors this **free** training to familiarize, refresh and engage the audience with photos, videos and activities to explain requirements and best management practices for waste handling, storage, disposal and recycling. Some example products include: fluorescent lamps, batteries, laboratory chemicals, oils, antifreeze, paints, thinners, cleaners, corrosives & poisons.

## 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 25	Mendota Conference Center, Madison
Tuesday	March 8	Volk Field, Camp Douglas (No walk-ins)
Wednesday	March 9	UW-Marathon, Wausau
Tuesday	March 15	UW-Green Bay
Friday	March 18	Mendota Conference Center, Madison
Tuesday	March 22	State Fair Park, West Allis
Wednesday	March 30	UW-Stout, Menomonie
Thursday	March 31	Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Hayward
Tuesday	April 5	UW-Fond du Lac
Tuesday	April 12	Mendota Conference Center, Madison

View the agenda and register online at [veoliaes-ts.com/Seminars](http://veoliaes-ts.com/Seminars)

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