

# SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Maria Redmond  
Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy  
101 E. Wilson Street  
Madison, WI 53703

Subject: Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Redmond:

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General application (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) submitted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration through the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy (OSCE). We are pleased to endorse the OSCE's efforts, as described in this application, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through implementing measures in the Wisconsin Emissions Reduction Roadmap.

The Commission is the official areawide planning agency for the southeastern region of the State of Wisconsin. In addition, the Commission is the lead agency for the Milwaukee MSA's Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant effort. As such, the Commission will continue to work closely with the OSCE to further develop and deliver programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in two ways. First, we will assist with coordination in areas of the Region outside the Milwaukee MSA. Second, we will communicate strategies and successes regarding pollution reduction programs within the Milwaukee MSA.

The goals of Wisconsin's application align with VISION 2050, Southeastern Wisconsin's long-range land use and transportation plan. VISION 2050 seeks to build on the Region's existing strengths and improve areas where the Region does not compete well with its peers, to increase the quality of life for residents and businesses and attract new growth to the Region. The projects proposed by OSCE will further goals in VISION 2050 by encouraging sustainable and cost-effective growth and helping the Region transition to a clean energy economy that benefits all residents in the state.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Wisconsin to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal program.

Sincerely,

Benjamin R. McKay, AICP  
Deputy Director