

Ohio Energy Office to Exhibit at Solar Power International Conference

WCOED Dashboard

Procure Leads	22
WCOED Leads	11
Website Visits	980
Site Visits	9
Grant Dollars Submitted	\$972,500
Grant Dollars Approved	-
Property Investment	\$40,000,000
Equipment Investment	\$11,000,000
Jobs Created or Retained	38

Note - Scoreboard numbers are cumulative estimates from the organizations inception intended to give board members a snapshot of the overall impact.

Dates & Events

- 10/13/09 Grant Writing for 3rd Frontier Funds
- 10/28/09 For Entrepreneurs Over 50
- 11/12/09 Renewable Energy Workshop

For details on these programs please visit the [WCOED website Programs, Events, & Dates section.](#)



James Hurth, the Solar Industry Lead for the Ohio Energy Office will be displaying at the Solar Power International Conference is scheduled to be held October 27-29 in Anaheim California. Solar Power International, is a business-to-business solar conference and expo with an annual average attendance of 22,500 people. With an industry growth rate of more than 40% per year, the Solar International Power Conference allows a single event where industry can network with potential customers, policymakers, and investors.

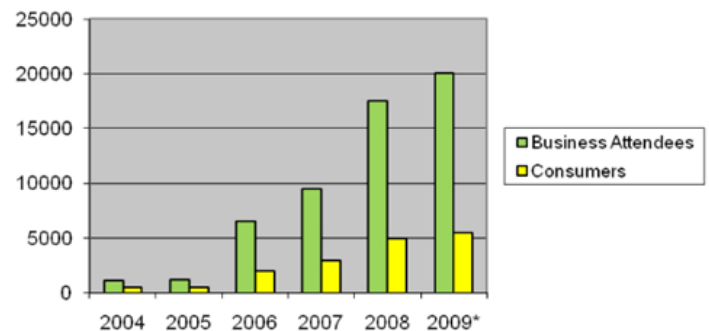
Approximately 750 companies will exhibit at SPI 2009, including cell and module manufacturers, inverter and other component manufacturers, material and equipment manufacturers, installers, integrators, and investors. Solar

Power International attracts a wide range of participants both from inside and outside the solar industry. Over 40% of registered

attendees hold CEO, president or other executive management positions and 79% of registered attendees recommend or make final decisions about their company's purchase of products.

The Ohio Department of Development Energy office will be exhibiting a booth with a team of 7 ODOD representatives. I spoke with James Hurth Ohio Energy Office Solar Industry Lead last month in regards to this conference. Mr. Hurth said the state is striving to take proactive steps in developing a solar manufacture network and fostering relations. In addition, WCOED and ODOD have a meeting scheduled for mid November in Wyandot County to discuss the Solar Power International Conference and the networks that were established. The Ohio Energy Office has indicated they would like to work with WCOED to showcase the Wyandot Solar LLC. project at the Ohio Energy Office Exhibit booth of the 2010 Solar Power International Conference.

Solar Power International Attendance



Director's Column

Just as other professions have certification and continuing education requirements, so too does economic development. International Economic Development Council's Certified Economic Developers (CEcDs) are recognized around the world as having achieved a level of excellence in their understanding of the tools and programs of economic development.

Prior to qualifying to sit for the CEcD exam, candidates are required to have at least four years of consecutive, paid, full-time economic development related experience and completed 117 hours of course work and education requirements .

As presented in the September meeting, I will be enrolling in the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute (OU/EDI). The OU/EDI program is a three year program that ensures all graduates meet the educational requirements to sit for the CEcD exam.

\$11 Million for Local Energy Projects.

Ohio Rural Development's year-long outreach efforts produced admirable returns as the state more than doubled the funding received from the 2009 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Recipients from 44 other states and Puerto Rico shared \$62.5 million in loans and grants among 705 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

REAP loan guarantees and grants can be used for renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, feasibility studies and energy audits. More information about the REAP, which was authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill, is available at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html.

I would like to introduce myself. I am Steve Seitz your newest Wyandot County Commissioner. As a politician (never thought I would call myself a politician). Anyway I know many politicians will never admit it when they are wrong. However I Was Wrong! In my campaign I said I was against the Economic Development office forming in Wyandot County. I felt that we did not need another government agency that would just cost taxpayers more money and not accomplish anything.

Well first off the Wyandot Economic Development Office is not funded just by tax dollars but also by private industry. An organization is only as good as it's leader. Our leader Eric Romich is a good one. In my short time in office I have observed Eric at work. In a short time he has started an Economic Development website which is excellent. He has worked with many of our current business on helping them expand existing business or retaining current business. He has helped some with getting training dollars to improve their workforce. He was instrumental in getting the solar field here in Wyandot County.

I believe that without Wyandot Economic Development and Eric Romich we would not be building Wyandot Solar-a 35 million dollar project. It would never have happened without the effort of a single person who could coordinate the efforts of many agencies, County Commissioners, Township Trustees, School Board, Soil & Water, A.E.P. private farmers, FAA and Local Airport Authority, Ohio Dept of Development and many other agencies I may have missed. As you can see it took a lot of people to put this thing all together. It was vital that we had a leader coordinating Wyandot County's effort. So if you were like me and thought that Wyandot County Economic Development was going to become "just another Govt. Agency" then think again . In less than 6-months we are seeing results and mark my words---there will be more coming! We need more business to get on board and work together for all of Wyandot County! If you have any interest in seeing our county grow then check out Wyandot County Economic Development.

Steve Seitz Wyandot County Commissioner