



## ENERGY CENTER OF WISCONSIN

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### **Workshop shows benefits of ‘daylighting’ schools**

APPLETON, Wis. (September 19, 1999)—Make school buildings more beautiful, improve students’ health and productivity and cut lifetime energy expenses by 30 to 70 percent? That’s the promise of daylighting—using indirect sunlight to reduce the need for electrical lighting and cooling in buildings.

As part of the Wisconsin Focus on Energy Program, the Daylighting Collaborative will hold *Daylighting Goes Mainstream: How to Daylight Every School*, on October 28, 1999, at the Paper Valley Conference Center and Hotel in Appleton, Wisconsin. This one-day course is the second program of the Daylighting Collaborative series and is sponsored by Wisconsin Focus on Energy, the Energy Center of Wisconsin (ECW), the University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Engineering Professional Development, and the Wisconsin Green Building Alliance.

This training is for architects, engineers, lighting designers, builders, school district administrators, and facility managers who want to learn how daylighting can be a part of school buildings. “Attendees will learn about the effect of light on human performance and how to integrate electric lights with daylighting,” says Abby Vogen, the Daylighting Collaborative program manager. “Participants will also learn how buildings use energy and how ‘cool daylighting’ can reduce the need for air conditioning and electric lights.”

The workshop costs \$95 and offers continuing education and AIA (American Institute of Architects) learning units. To register, contact Becky Punzel, ECW, at 608-238-8276, x20.

Wisconsin Focus on Energy is a partnership created by the Wisconsin Department of Administration in coordination with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. The purpose of this unique collaboration is to demonstrate how consumers can save money simply by reducing their energy consumption.

The Daylighting Collaborative is an Energy Center of Wisconsin program that promotes daylighting in Wisconsin buildings through education and training for designers and builders, public information and on-site demonstrations. The Collaborative is supported by Alliant Energy; Dairyland Power Cooperative; Department of Administration–Wisconsin Energy Bureau; Madison Gas & Electric Company; Manitowoc Public Utilities; Northern States Power Company–Wisconsin; Superior Water, Light & Power; Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Wisconsin Public Power, Inc.; and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation.

The Energy Center of Wisconsin is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to improving energy efficiency in Wisconsin. Funded primarily by Wisconsin utilities, the Center spends \$4.5 million annually on energy efficiency research, education and demonstrations aimed at residents, businesses and government.

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