Green Energy Summit

Topical Session 3-6

Date: **Friday, March 26, 2010**

Time: **5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

Presentation: ***"SolarWise My School: Let the Sunshine Into My Classroom"***

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Scott Liddicoat
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SolarWise® for Schools is a hands-on renewable energy education program for high schools served by Wisconsin Public Service. Since 1996, 47 schools have received this unique renewable energy education program, and 150 teachers and 13,000 students have used the curriculum materials. This session will summarize this successful program and provide a detailed overview of the curriculum from an experienced SolarWise teacher. The benefits of linking renewable energy installations with educational opportunities will be explained. Attendees will also learn how to apply for a free solar-electric system and renewable energy curriculum package.

Presenter Biographies:

Chip Bircher

Chip Bircher manages the SolarWise® for Schools program and the NatureWise® green energy program. Chip has been active in the renewable energy field for 32 years, and he has authored or co-authored 28 papers on solar energy and energy conservation. He lives in a green, energy-efficient solar home, and the utility bills are half of comparable homes.

Scott Liddicoat

Scott Liddicoat is a science teacher at Southwest High School in Green Bay, with over 20 years of teaching experience. He has presented the SolarWise program at several state conferences to teachers and the general public over the past 6 years. Scott is also a KEEP instructor and has initiated several special energy courses in the Green Bay Schools.