

(2) MidWest Rebuild Application Center

This effort is to develop a Midwest Regional Rebuild America Application Center (Center) that will provide the Midwestern States with the information, education, and technical assistance necessary to continue and expand, in a coordinated manner, their Rebuild America program activities. The Center will apply specific structure to the Rebuild America program on a regional basis, supporting (not replacing) the efforts of the states within the region. This effort will focus on building capacity and documenting results. An effective way of growing capacity in times of shrinking budgets is to provide the forum and mechanisms for the states to tap into and utilize the knowledge, experiences, and best practices of all the states and other energy information entities in the region.

Total project cost:

Funding request:

Project Lead: University of Illinois Chicago, Energy Resources Center

Project Participants: Energy Center of Wisconsin

Start Date:

End Date:

Presentations/Publications

During this quarter several presentations were given to the participating State Energy Offices. A presentation on the results of the State survey was presented at the first Advisory Committee meeting held in Chicago on May 11, 2006. The survey was coauthored by the Energy Resources Center and the Energy Center of Wisconsin to develop ideas priority activities for the new Rebuild American Midwest Application Center, and the survey results were presented to the States to to facilitate planning at the Advisory Committee meeting.

In addition, a presentation of the results of the first Advisory Committee meeting was prepared and presented to the States. A copy of that document is included as part of this report.

Patents

None.

Progress in Past Quarter and Current Status