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## Renewable Energy Summit

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## Focus on Energy

## Session 9-1

**DATE:**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009**

**Breakout Session 9-1:**

**Time:**

**1:30pm - 3:15pm**

**Presenters:**

**Wisconsin's Booming Solar Electric Market**

Bill Schutten, and Niels Wolter of Focus on Energy  
with Greg Oman, Lynette Oman, John Toma, Paul School and Rene Farias

This Presentation will outline the process individuals interested in installing a solar electric system would go through to install a high quality, long lasting solar electric system while taking full advantage of federal, state, and utility incentives. We will focus on the existing Focus on Energy infrastructure (technical information, site assessments, qualified contractors), the portfolio of available incentives, and how an individual takes full advantage of all available tools.

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### Presenter Biographies:

#### **Bill Schutten**

Bill is a Program Coordinator for Wisconsin's Focus on Energy – Renewable Energy Program. He serves as an information source for customers interested in installing renewable energy systems and works closely with the contractors who serve these markets. Bill's pre-Focus on Energy days include a biochemistry degree from UW-Madison, two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in West Africa, and a deep respect for the human eye cultivated during his time as a researcher at the Medical College of Wisconsin. When not approving incentive applications Bill enjoys trying to grow organic veggies in the community garden next to his house.

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#### **Niels Wolter**

Since 2002, Niels Wolter has been the Solar Electric Program Manager for Wisconsin's Focus on Energy solar electric program. He is also on the board of the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and a member of the We Energies Renewable Energy Collaborative. Niels had been active in the energy sector since 1988 working in the oil and gas, energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors. He lives and works in solar powered buildings.

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#### **Greg Oman and Lynette Oman**

Homeowners who installed a 2 kW PV system at Muskego home

#### **John Tom**

Owner of Thoma Construction (a general contracting and custom cabinetry firm) in Watertown WI. John recently installed a 7 kW PV system on his shop.

#### **Paul School**

Owner of Art of Dentistry in Milwaukee WI who recently installed a 11 kW PV system on his dental office

#### **Rene Farias**

Associate Director - Special Projects at the Untied Community Center who oversaw the recent installation of a 13 kW PV system