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## Renewable Energy Summit

Renewables, Sustainability, Energy Efficiency,  
Social Responsibility, and Green Energy Practices

## Greening Practices for Colleges

## Session 11-5

**DATE:**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009**

**Breakout Session 11-5:**

**Time:**

**4:30pm - 6:15pm**

**Presenters:**

**Sustainability at UW-Milwaukee: Process vs. Practices**

Kate Nelson, UW-Milwaukee

Sustainability at UWM has been an investigative look into how the campus functions, and how the current stakeholders and governance can embrace sustainability. It has been a prioritizing of what an urban campus, near Lake Michigan, should embrace for its sustainability planning. What are the indicators of sustainability both externally (Greenhouse Gas Inventory by Clean Air Cool Planet standards) and internally? UWM is also going through an entire Master Planning process, which has put sustainability on the forefront. Sustainability is a process, and establishing such a decision making process into UWM procedures is important for the longevity of future practice changes.

Many areas of sustainability are being examined for immediate and future sustainable practices. Also, it is a gathering of the dotted landscape of what already exists. UWM has a very efficient heating plant, the State's largest green roof (in addition to others on campus), new approaches to surplus and e-waste, as well as many other programs in the works. This presentation will touch briefly on many areas.

This presentation will introduce the facility manager to the basic process of implementing a green cleaning program for any type of facility.

The program will encompass the steps necessary to evaluate your current program, understand the importance of green cleaning, what products and procedures to eliminate from the current program, who to involve with your program and how to train towards your goals of a greener and cleaner environment for your facility.

The "take away" from this presentation will be an understanding of how cleaning chemicals and programs affect our environment both inside and out, and the potential, positive impact of "greening our cleaning".

Attendees will understand how to implement their program and keep it working to attain their goal of a greener, cleaner and healthier building – to attain LEED certification points, our just to be able to breath easier.

The presentation will cover facilities from the "front door to the dumpster" and include specific guidelines for a cleaner, safer and healthier building.

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### Presenter Biographies:

#### **Kate Nelson**

Kate Nelson is the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for UW-Milwaukee. Her position, added in response to student concern for an Environmental Policy for UWM, is the first full time position in the entire UW System. Previous experience in land management and stormwater projects with The Conservation Fund, private environmental management, sustainable development interdisciplinary work in Romania, production management for a theatre company, inventory management at a bookstore, and life in general have prepared her for the efforts at hand in greening UWM.