

Public Notice on an Application for Participation in Tier I of Green Tier

Pursuant to Section 299.83, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby gives notice that DNR has received an application for participation in Tier I of Green Tier from Rockwell Automation, Inc. for their global headquarters in Milwaukee as well as their Ladysmith, Mequon, and Richland Center facilities. Rockwell Automation is an international supplier of industrial automation and power controls for manufacturing. Each facility strives to implement innovative strategies to meet environmental objectives, and have identified specific targets and objectives for future demonstration of superior environmental performance.

Rockwell Automation's Milwaukee facility and global headquarters is located at 1201 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53204, Milwaukee County. This facility employs 2,737 individuals and has consistently demonstrated high environmental achievement. The Milwaukee facility has reduced its use of ozone depleting substances by 94% from 1990-2000, and its hazardous waste and water use by 85% and 43% respectively. The facility received the Governor's awards for Excellence in Hazardous Waste Reduction in 2001 and Environmental Performance in 2002. Their objectives and targets once in Green Tier include feasibility studies on evaporating holding tank wastewater and reducing energy use by installing occupancy lighting controls.

Rockwell Automation's Ladysmith facility is located at 1506 East 16th Street South, Ladysmith, WI, 54848, Rusk County. The facility has 258 employees. It has illustrated numerous environmental improvements including a non-hazardous waste deferral rate of 98.2% in 2001 and a scrap molding plastic recycling rate of 99% in 2005. In addition, it has installed high-efficiency lighting in its central building and reduced its use of office paper by 1080 lbs/yr. Targets for future environmental improvement under Green Tier include reducing electricity used by air compressors by implementing an air leak detection program and reducing hazardous waste generated during cleanup procedures by 50% by the end of FY 07.

Rockwell Automation's Mequon facility has 900 employees and is located at 6400 W. Enterprise Drive, Mequon, WI, 53092, Ozaukee County. It has demonstrated strong environmental performance, achieving non-hazardous waste deferral rates of at least 82% every year since 2000. In addition, it has reduced its energy consumption with better temperature management and installation of high-efficiency fluorescent bulbs. The Mequon facility has developed numerous objectives for future environmental improvement with Green Tier, including the development of a recycling program and a reduction in the quantity of lead solder used.

Rockwell Automation's Richland Center facility employs 670 individuals. It is located at 1500 Peebles Drive, Richland Center, WI, 53581, Richland County. Its previous efforts to demonstrate environmental improvement have included installations of high efficiency lighting, the addition of an air dryer on its compressor system to reduce energy use, and switching to a new type of steel to reduce the use of its paint shop sandblaster by 90%. It has achieved non-hazardous waste deferral rates of up to 94.5% and reduced natural gas and electricity consumption by 32% and 31% respectively. Under Green Tier, the Richland Center facility will reduce hazardous waste production and electrical consumption. In addition, they will participate in the Richland Center community's annual Clean Sweep activities and organize a facility stewardship activity for Earth Day.

Additional information available

Specific information on this application for participation in Tier I of Green Tier, on Rockwell Automation, Inc. and on the Green Tier program can be accessed via the Internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm> or by contacting:

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Reasonable requests for the information in an alternate format will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for public to comment or request a public meeting

DNR will accept written comments from the public regarding the application through July 13, 2007. Comments may be submitted to Tom Eggert (see above).

Also within the 30-day comment period, individuals may request a public informational meeting concerning this application by submitting a written request to the DNR contact. If DNR determines there is significant interest in this application, DNR will hold a public informational meeting.

How DNR will make final decisions

DNR will determine whether the applicant has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements in sec. 299.83(3), Wis. Stats. If all eligibility requirements are met, DNR will approve this application unless doing so is not in the best interest of the Green Tier program. A decision by DNR to approve or deny an application for Tier I of Green Tier is not subject to review under state laws governing contested case hearings.

For the Secretary:

/s/ Mark McDermid
Mark McDermid, Director
Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance

05/30/2007
Date