



Wisconsin Public Utility Institute



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Rich Hackner is a principal engineer and the Midwest Region Manager at GDS Associates. He has led the Midwest team at GDS for 14 years. Rich has extensive experience providing project management and oversight of multi-million dollar energy efficiency programs including the Focus on Energy Agribusiness Program and the Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy Business program. Over his 30+ year career in the energy efficiency industry, Rich has also established numerous collaborative projects and programs that included diverse membership including local, state and federal representatives, utilities, public interest groups and consumers. Further, he has expertise in energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy policy and technical research. Rich has conducted numerous technical evaluation studies for commercial, residential, agricultural and industrial energy efficiency measures. He has designed and managed evaluations for commercial and industrial end-use metering projects, as well as, direct load control programs.

Prior to joining GDS, Rich was the Associate Director of the Energy Center of Wisconsin for ten years. His responsibilities included overseeing ECW's research and program areas. His education includes a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a M.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and he is a professional engineer in the state of Wisconsin.