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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

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Bob Gilbertson lives in Madison, where he works for the Wisconsin Technical College System Foundation. Now in his 21st year with the Foundation, Bob is Director of the Development Division, and Co-Director of the Corporate Division. Bob was trained at Fort George Mead (1956), and worked as a strategic intelligence analyst in Germany from 1957 to 1959. Bob earned a B.S. (1964) and M. S. (1965) in History from the UW-Madison. Bob was a teaching assistant and research assistant (1966-68) at the UW-Madison (Department of Educational Administration), and worked during his doctoral studies at the Cooperative Educational Research Center as senior researcher. Mr. Gilbertson was an instructor in History at Madison Area Technical College during 1966-68, and was a division administrator (Institutional Support) for the Higher Education Aids Board from 1969-1974. His duties included State Director for several Higher Education Act programs, including construction grants, equipment grants, and institutional planning grant programs. Bob also served as the Director of the Wisconsin Federal Property program. In 1974, Bob joined the Wisconsin Technical College System Office as the Director of Grants and Contracts. His work activities included co-initiating the Wisconsin Technical College System Foundation with Loren Brumm and Ed Chin, working to assist the WTCS Colleges in initiating their College foundations, and securing external funding for equipment and construction programs for the Wisconsin Technical Colleges statewide. Bob's duties included being Bureau Director for Intergovernmental Affairs. In 1986, Bob transferred from the WTCS System Office to the Foundation as Division Director for several of the Foundation's programs, including corporate equipment acquisition, and Development Division duties. Bob continues these responsibilities today, including working with the Focus on Energy program as WTCS systemwide contact with Focus on Energy, the Wisconsin Renewable Energy Network (WREN Team), and other renewables efforts. Bob works to assist the Colleges in securing external funding for renewables projects. Bob also organizes the WTCS Renewable Energy Summit.