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I am a member of the 2017-2018 cohort of the "Resource and Energy Demand Analysis" program at the University of Wisconsin. This program is specifically designed to address energy problems by educating students on the complexities of the energy industry and providing tools for students to address these problems as professionals. At its core, the program focuses on econometrics and energy economics classes. Along with these core classes, the program also includes a practicum and seminar classes from industry professionals (seminar subjects include: "Load Forecasting", "Energy Efficiency in the California Regulatory Model", "Fisheries", etc.).

As I continue to learn about the intricacies of our energy industry, I have become aware of many different paths I can take as a professional. This conference will be a wonderful opportunity for me to learn and discuss different aspects of energy solutions with current professionals. These conversations will be useful as I continue to discern my career path and create professional goals for myself in the energy sector.