

Study projects \$687 billion in wealth transfer

A new study projects \$687 billion will be transferred among Wisconsin generations by 2050, with \$105 billion changing hands by 2010. Commissioned by the state's 21 Certified Community Foundations (including those located in Fond du Lac, the Fox Valley, Green Bay, Marinette and Oshkosh) the study includes county-by-county projections showing the transfer of wealth from one generation to the next.

The study follows the work of Boston College researchers who found the United States was at the beginning of a \$41 trillion transfer of wealth from one generation to the next. The Center for Rural Entrepreneurship in Lincoln, Neb., conducted the Wisconsin study and has conducted research in Nebraska, Wyoming and Indiana.

Like Wisconsin, those states face

swiftly changing demographics, an aging population and the loss of young people to metropolitan areas and the coasts. Wisconsin is currently battling "brain drain" — the loss of college graduates to other Midwestern states and beyond — and a changing business climate that has seen corporate headquarters move outside the state. These are among the top concerns residents have about quality of life.

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Marine Travelift receives tax credits

Gov. Jim Doyle announced that Marine Travelift, Inc. has received Technology Zone tax credits allocation totaling \$250,000 for a project that will retain 157 jobs and create 50 jobs over the next two years.

"Manufacturing is, and will continue to be, at the heart of Wisconsin's economy," Doyle said. "And with technology, training, trade