

## Q&A

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**Q.** If you were in charge of spending federal stimulus money in the state, how would you spend it??



**A.** “If I had the federal stimulus dollars checkbook, I would immediately address several financial needs in Northeastern Wisconsin’s schools. I’d also look to help get our local economy back on track without wasting a single cent of the stimulus money on pork-barrel projects. Transportation-related projects ranging from road construction to freight rail and port improvements would also be addressed, as they are key to a vibrant Northeastern Wisconsin economy.”

– **Femi Cole**, communications specialist,  
Bellin Health



**A.** “Funding should be allocated for projects that will continue to benefit Northeastern Wisconsin for years after the stimulus money has been spent. This could include building and infrastructure projects that will improve our quality of life and are sustainable in nature. The result will be the immediate benefit of local jobs, reduce the taxpayer burden, and create long-term savings due to increased energy efficiency.”

– **Kelly Hafeman**, president,  
Immel Construction



**A.** “I would direct funding toward employment counseling and training for unemployed workers to prepare themselves for careers in the future economy. Although unemployment is high, there are still employers in Northeastern Wisconsin who have job openings they are unable to fill, as workers with the required technical skills are not available.”

– **Karen Boehm**, owner,  
Karen Boehm Vocational Consulting



**A.** “I would invest in projects and industries that will provide long-lasting jobs. The port recently submitted projects for stimulus funding that would provide long-term employment opportunities in our area. I know the country needs to get people back to work now and short-term infrastructure jobs are a part of that, but we need to plan for a future that involves permanent employment opportunities.”

– **Dean Haen**, manager,  
Port of Green Bay