

## Thomas E. Kiser, Founder & CEO



Thomas E. Kiser is a man with a mission: to change the way the world thinks about energy use and to find innovative ways to balance the energy needs of mankind with the need to preserve the environment. Kiser sits on the board of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center and [his firm's technology and designs have been featured in major magazines](#). Kiser is also a member of the Board of Trustees for the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment – a think tank dedicated to developing innovative solutions for today's and tomorrow's environmental problems. He was invited to be a

Professor of Practice in Sustainable Energy Systems at Arizona State University (ASU). Kiser is also a member of the Joint Board of Councilors for the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development. He is the first foreigner to be appointed as an energy efficiency advisor to the Shanghai Municipal Economic Commission and led an initiative to create sustainable energy efficiency demonstration projects in Shanghai from 2003 to 2007. These projects will inform a new energy policy for China at the national level.

In 2006, Jonathan Wege invited Kiser to consult for the Wege Foundation, a private philanthropic organization that has worked for more than 40 years to advance principles of environmental stewardship and sustainability. Through PSI (now Worthington Energy Innovations), Tom has been working with the Wege Foundation on an initiative to transform energy use on college and university campuses. This pilot program, the Economicology Sustainable Strategy for College and Universities, involves several universities that will combine practical demonstrations of effective energy solutions with new sustainable energy curricula that will give upcoming generations the skills and knowledge to tackle climate change. Tom also serves as a consultant to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment initiative (ACUPCC), through which more than 650 colleges and universities have committed to reducing carbon footprints and adopting other sustainability practices.

In 2010, Tom and Jonathan Wege teamed up to form Powerdigm as a platform to promote a paradigm shift in the ways that companies, communities and governments view and use energy through practical implementation strategies. Kiser's ultimate goal is to participate in the development of a national energy strategy for the United States.