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Upcoming Event:

IWWG Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Annual Conference
Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, Normal, IL
July 17-18, 2012

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IWWG Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Conference

The Illinois Wind Working Group will host their Sixth Annual Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Conference, July 17-18, 2012, at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Normal, IL. The conference will provide plenary sessions, breakout seminars, and panel sessions on a variety of wind energy topics regarding large wind farms, community-scale wind, and small wind.

Speakers and moderators will include:

- Matt Aldeman, Center for Renewable Energy
- Kyle Barry, McGuire Woods LLP
- Kevin Borgia, Illinois Wind Energy Coalition
- Brian Bub, Stantec
- Guenter Conzelmann, Argonne National Laboratory
- George Drosdowich, Iberdrola Renewables
- Dr. Ali Erdemir, Argonne National Laboratory
- Jonathan Feipel, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Tim Libson, Trintek Energy
- Randall Lloyd, University of Illinois Extension
- Dr. David Loomis, Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University
- Brad Lystra, American Wind Energy Association
- Barry Matchett, Environmental Law & Policy Center
- Jonathan Nieuwsma
- Dr. Mohammad Shahidehpour, Galvin Center, Illinois Institute of Technology
- Dr. Jerry Nolen, Argonne National Laboratory
- Craig Pals, Tick Tock Energy
- Bill Poole, Stantec
- Keith Shank, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Steven Smith, Farnsworth Group
- Beth Soholt, Wind on the Wires
- Eric Thumma, Iberdrola Renewables
- Dr. Karen Tyrell, BHE Environmental, Inc.
- Victor White, Prairieview-Ogden Elementary District 197
- Jolene Willis, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University
- Derek Woods, Northern Power



Photo from the 2011 Annual Conference in Chicago.

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND or APPLY TO SPONSOR / EXHIBIT at the conference. Visit the conference website, www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu, under "Upcoming Events" click on the "IWWG Annual Conference" for more information regarding the event.

Illinois Exhibits at AWEA Midwest Summit



The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University, and the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University represented the **Illinois Wind Energy Team** at the American Wind Energy Association's Midwest Summit in Chicago last week. Left to right in the photo above, Jolene Willis (IRA at WIU), Alyson Grady (IL DCEO), Wayne Hartel (IL DCEO), Jen Celaya (IL DCEO), Dr. David Loomis (CRE at ISU), Matt Aldeman (CRE at ISU), Janet Niezgod (CRE at ISU), and Scott Henkel (IL DCEO). This group and additional partners are also preparing to exhibit at the AWEA Windpower Conference & Exhibition in Atlanta, GA, in June.



Dr. David Loomis (speaking), Director of the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University and Director of the Illinois Wind Working Group, presented as part of the Midwest Wind Energy Market Assessment Panel at the Summit, for an audience of 400. Other speakers in the session, pictured, included Beth Soholt (Wind on the Wires), Dan Shreve (MAKE Consulting), and Jeff Anthony (AWEA) who moderated the panel.

Innovation Talent Workshops Held for Teachers

Illinois Innovation Talent (ILIT) Workshops were held February 23rd and 24th in Illinois State University's Renewable Energy Lab, for teachers from nine schools across the state. Led by Lucinda Dittmer (Illinois Math & Science Academy), and coordinated by Matt Aldeman (Center for Renewable Energy), and Jolene Willis (Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University), the Workshops were full day events to acquaint teachers with the basics of Problem-Based Learning (PBL), and provided the teachers time to develop their own unit plans. The goal of the ILIT program is to demonstrate how industry-sponsored problems can exemplify the Race to the Top STEM Learning Exchange functions at the middle and high school level where interdisciplinary teams of students collaborate on a real-world problem-based learning (PBL) challenges designed to improve student achievement and increase college and career readiness.

CENTER PUBLICATIONS

Visit the Center's website, www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu, bottom right corner of the homepage, for PDF files of a number of reports including:

- Economic Impact of Wind Energy Development in Illinois, 2011
- Wind Farm Implications for School District Revenue, 2011
- The Effect of Wind Farms on Property Values in Lee County, 2011
- The Illinois RPS: Context Structure and History of the Policy, 2011
- Wind Farm Proximity and Property Values, 2010
- Public Beliefs and Opinions of Wind Energy in Illinois, 2010

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