



# CENTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

*Illinois State University*

NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events:

IWWG Siting, Zoning, and Taxing Wind Farms in Illinois Conference  
February 8, 2012  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Normal, IL

IWWG Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Annual Conference  
July 17-18, 2012  
More details soon!

## Founding Members:



If you would like to become a member of the Center for Renewable Energy, please contact Dr. David Loomis at 309-438-7979 or [dloomis@ilstu.edu](mailto:dloomis@ilstu.edu).

[www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu](http://www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu)

## Siting, Zoning & Taxing Conference - February 8th



*Photo from the 2010 IWWG Siting, Zoning, and Taxing Conference.*

The Illinois Wind Working Group's Siting, Zoning, and Taxing Wind Farms in Illinois Conference is the premier educational opportunity to get the latest information and research and to answer any questions that county and zoning board members and officials have about the wind energy industry. The one-day event will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2012, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal, IL.

Speakers and moderators on the agenda include:

- Matt Aldeman - Center for Renewable Energy
- Kyle Barry - McGuire Woods LLP
- Kevin Borgia - Illinois Wind Energy Association
- Philip Dick - McLean County
- James Greenberger - Private Equity Law Advisors
- James Griffin - Schain, Burney, Banks & Kenny
- Michael Kohr - Bureau County
- Dr. David Loomis - Center for Renewable Energy
- Martin Lubahn - Winery
- Kevin Parzyck - Invenergy
- Chuck Schopp - Livingston County
- Jon Schroeder - Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Mgmt. Svcs.
- William Shay - Shay Law Group, Ltd.
- Dr. Karen Tyrell - BHE Environmental, Inc.
- R. Todd Weegens - Fehr-Graham & Associates
- C. Pius Weibel - Champaign County
- Jolene Willis - Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, WIU
- Dr. J. Randy Winter - Center for Renewable Energy

**TO REGISTER ONLINE** and for more details, visit [www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu](http://www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu), and click on the "IWWG Siting, Zoning & Taxing Conference" under "Upcoming Events" at the right side of the homepage. Schedule and speakers subject to change.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS:



To sponsor and exhibit at the event, email [jniezgod@ilstu.edu](mailto:jniezgod@ilstu.edu).

## Wind For Schools Accepting New Applications



A new program designed to incorporate wind energy topics into middle and high school classrooms is slated to begin during the 2012-2013 school year.

Illinois Wind for Schools (ILWFS) is an initiative sponsored through a partnership with between the Center for Renewable Energy, the

College of Education at Illinois State University, the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) at Western Illinois University, and the Department of Engineering Technology at Western Illinois University.

The program offers curriculum development resources, teacher professional development, on-site technical assistance and instructional equipment to middle school and high school teachers across the state. All training, curriculum and equipment will be offered at no charge to schools selected for the program, made possible through Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grant funding.

ILWFS staff is currently working with three schools in a pilot phase: Elmwood CUSD #322, Fulton County CUSD #3 in Cuba, and Ridgeview CUSD #19 located in Colfax. A weather station has already been installed at each pilot phase location, and curriculum workshops have been provided for teachers.

Applications and guidelines will be available later this month on [www.ILWFS.org](http://www.ILWFS.org). Schools selected for the program will be notified by April 2. For more information about the program, call Matt Aldeman at (309) 438-1440 or Jolene Willis at (309) 298-2835.

## KEMCO Attends Solar Energy Training Program

The Center provided a six-day Solar Energy Training Program in December for participants of the Korean Energy Management Corporation (KEMCO). This was the third group to travel from Korea for a renewable energy training session by the Center.

Through lecture and field trips, participants explored policy and technical aspects of solar energy. The program included presentations by Dr. Jin Jo, David Kennell, and Matt Aldeman of the Center for Renewable Energy; Mark Burger of the Kestrel Development Company for the Illinois Solar Energy Association; Matt Parks and Greg Janke of Pieper Power for the Midwest Renewable Energy Association; Brian Dunneback of EDP Renewables; and Justin Lotak of Invenergy. Students that assisted were Rob Martin and Tim Vacura. The group visited the hybrid solar/wind installation at Illinois State University's Horticulture Center and Exelon Solar City, photo below.



## WIND ENERGY 101 FAQ

Landowners interested in wind farm development can find answers to frequently asked questions with taped powerpoint presentations on the Center's website at [www.RenewableEnergy.IllinoisState.edu/wind/LandownersForum.shtml](http://www.RenewableEnergy.IllinoisState.edu/wind/LandownersForum.shtml).

Questions answered are grouped by topics including economic benefits of wind energy, landowner contracts and compensation, agricultural impacts of wind energy, and general wind information items such as "What is the difference between large, community, and small wind energy?" and "What is the development timeline for a wind project?"

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