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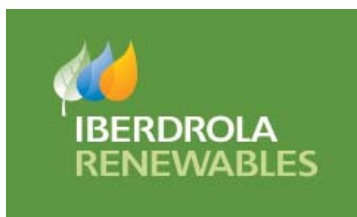
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## Founding Members:



## Building Solar Communities at New Conference

The first **Solar Market Transformation Conference** was held on October 29th in Normal, an event hosted by The Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University, The Green Institute at Heartland Community College, and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association. As part of the Illinois Energy Expo held at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, this conference was designed for mayors, city planners, council members, and the general public to learn about incorporating solar energy in their communities.



**Mark Burger**, Kestrel Development Company, presents on the Solar Marketplace and Economics in Illinois at the Solar Market Transformation Conference.

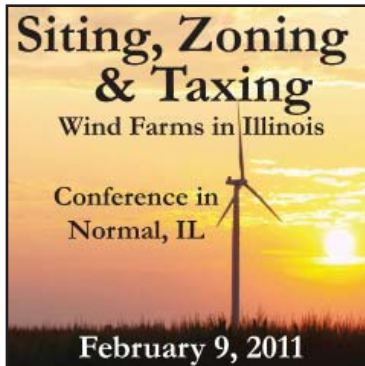
Topics and speakers included a “Keynote Address on State Renewable Energy Policy” by **Kate Tomford** (Illinois Energy Office, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity), “What Are the Possibilities?” by **Mayor Chris Koos** (Town of Normal) and **Mayor Larry Morrissey** (City of Rockford), “Solar Resource and Technology” by **David Kennell** (Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University), “Solar Marketplace and Economics” by **Mark Burger** (Kestrel Development Company), “Solar Training Capacity and Partnerships” by **Nick Hylla** (Midwest Renewable Energy Association) and **Tim Wilhelm** (Kankakee Community College), and “Go Green Aurora Program and BlueStar Energy” by Lon Johnson (BlueStar Energy). The welcome was presented by **Dr. David Loomis** (Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University), and **Julie Elzanati** (Illinois Green Economy Network, Heartland Community College). PDF files of speaker presentations are available at [www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu](http://www.RenewableEnergy.ilstu.edu), click on the Solar Conference listed in recent events.

The Center was also represented with an exhibit booth at the Illinois Energy Expo, October 28th-30th, hosted by the Central Illinois Chapter of the Association of Professional Energy Consultants in partnership with Heartland Community College. The expo provided an opportunity to share information with the general public at the free event.



**Susan Deason and Janet Niezgodka** staffed the Center for Renewable Energy booth at the Illinois Energy Expo in Normal, IL.

## Siting, Zoning & Taxing Conference in February



Mark your calendar now for the Illinois Wind Working Group's **Siting, Zoning and Taxing of Wind Farms in Illinois Conference**, on Wednesday, February 9th, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 201 Broadway, Normal, IL. Topics are planned to include Best Practices of County Boards and Zoning Boards, Roads, Decommissioning, School District Taxation, County Ordinance Revisions, Property Value Guarantees, and a Wind Energy 101 Pre-Session.

Speakers already confirmed include **Neil Palmer** (Neil Palmer & Associates), **Chris Howell** (Burns & McDonnell), **Dr. Larry Dodds** (Ridgeview School District 19), **Phil Dick** (McLean County Department of Building and Zoning), **James Griffin** (Schain, Burney, Banks & Kenny), **Dwight Farber** (Horizon Wind Energy), **Matt Boss** (Mainstream Renewable Power), **Dr. David Loomis** and **Matt Aldeman** (Center for Renewable Energy, Illinois State University).

A special thank you to the conference committee for their hard work. To sponsor this conference, please contact Janet Niezgodka, 309-438-7929, [jniezgodka@ilstu.edu](mailto:jniezgodka@ilstu.edu).

## Dr. David Loomis Testifies at State Energy Hearing

Dr. David Loomis, Director of the Center for Renewable Energy and Director of the Illinois Wind Working Group, testified before the Senate Energy Committee this month in Chicago, IL. Dr. Loomis was asked to testify regarding renewable energy technologies, specifically the economic impact of wind turbines and the wind turbine supply chain in the state.

## Energy Presentations Continue Around the State

The Central Illinois Chapter of the International Facilities Management Association's October meeting included a presentation on "Building Integrated Renewable Energy" by David Kennell, Associate Director of the Center for Renewable Energy. His presentation included information on utilizing Building Applied Photovoltaics (PV) to convert sunlight to electricity.

The Illinois Association of County Zoning Officials Annual Seminar this month at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, IL, included a presentation by Matt Aldeman, Technical Assistant for the Center for Renewable Energy, and a Question & Answer period featuring Dr. David Loomis, Director of the Center. They presented on the topic of "Wind Energy Development in Illinois," including economic impact, public opinions and beliefs, is wind energy development right for Illinois, and the future of wind energy development in the state. The seminar was designed for members of county, township and municipal zoning boards and planning commissions, zoning and planning officials, and elected or appointed county officials.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

An internship is a department approved and supervised senior college level work experience in renewable energy. Paid experiences are encouraged, a minimum of 45 hours of work experience must be satisfactorily completed by a qualified student for each one semester hour of university credit he/she expects to obtain. For details, contact Dr. Randy Winter, Associate Director of the Center for Renewable Energy, at 309-438-2521 or email [rwinter@ilstu.edu](mailto:rwinter@ilstu.edu).

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