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Illinois is a Prime Location for Wind Development and Business Location

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Dr. David Loomis, director of the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University, and director of the Illinois Wind Working Group, will present in two sessions at the upcoming American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) Windpower Conference and Exhibition, at McCormick Place in Chicago. He will speak on the Economic Development Benefits of Wind Projects in the Midwest panel session on Monday, May 6, 2013, 2:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., about the potential economic impact of offshore wind energy in the Great Lakes.

Dr. Loomis will also present as part of the International Spotlight Session panel, on Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., regarding the latest developments occurring in the State of Illinois plus provide a broad understanding of resources available through the state.

“Illinois is the fourth largest state for wind development, and a great place for locating manufacturing facilities,” said Dr. Loomis. “Chicago is a leading city for the U.S. headquarters of many wind companies.”

AWEA Windpower runs May 6-8, 2013. Thousands of wind industry professionals, experts, leaders, decision makers, and researchers attend the event to meet new clients, solidify existing relationships, learn from industry experts, and interact with exhibitors representing every segment of the global wind industry. Complete details on the event including registration information can be found at www.windpowerexpo.org.

The Illinois Wind Energy Team will exhibit in booth #1560 at AWEA Windpower, with the purpose to retain and attract new wind energy developers, original equipment manufacturers, and supply chain manufacturers to locate in the State of Illinois. This exhibit was made possible by a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Additional booth partners include the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University, the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University, and Invenergy, LLC.

The Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in August, 2008. The Center has three major functional areas: supporting the renewable energy major at Illinois State University; serving the Illinois

renewable energy community by providing information to the public; and encouraging applied research on renewable energy at Illinois State University and through collaborations with other universities.

The Illinois Wind Working Group (IWWG) is affiliated with the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America state wind working groups. IWWG is administered by Illinois State University's Center for Renewable Energy to communicate wind opportunities honestly and objectively, to interact with various stakeholders at the local, state, regional and national levels, and to promote economic development of wind energy in the state of Illinois.