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Community Wind Energy Conference Looks at What's Best for the Midwest

Special Guest General Wesley Clark joins an all-star roster of wind luminaries to present the overall economic and security benefits in locally-owned wind energy development.

[Minneapolis, MN - November 8, 2010] – Distributed Wind Energy is the subject of *Community Wind across America Midwest*, in St. Paul, MN this month. The two-day Community and Small Wind conference, presented by Windustry, will cover the full range of what's needed to advance opportunities for locally-owned wind energy production, **in an environment designed for networking and getting questions answered.**

Monday, November 15, 2010 7:30 – 5:30 (reception follows)

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 8:30 – 5pm

Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Paul, MN

Said Lisa Daniels, Windustry Executive Director: “The key goal in Community and Small Wind is to keep the economic benefits as local as possible while, as a nation, we transition our energy sources. In these conferences, we’re talking about how we can do that, right now.”

Community Wind across America Midwest is designed for rural landowners, local investors, and community leaders, farmers, ranchers, municipal utilities, elected officials, town planners, tribal representatives, economic development professionals, business leaders, investors, bankers, and community leaders.

Highlights include presentations from Community Wind pioneer **Dan Juhl** and Small Wind guru **Mick Sagrillo**. **Jeffrey L. Nelson**, General Manager of East River Electric Power Cooperative in South Dakota, joins other representatives from the Midwest region to summarize successful Community and Small Wind energy projects. Economics professor **Arne Kildegaard**, will speak to the regional economic impact of wind

development with local ownership, and **Craig Lewis**, of the FIT Coalition, will present on the benefits of Feed-In Tariffs.

Special guest **General Wesley Clark** opens the Monday evening reception (5:30 pm); the four star Army general has called for a Renewable Energy Standard for the country, and extending tax credits for renewables, much the way the government encourages oil and gas development.

Other industry-leading community wind developers, turbine manufacturers, utility representatives, and government officials join the session panels to provide the details around permitting, overcoming transmission grid limitations, and turbine selection.

Special pricing has been set for this Community and Small Wind energy event, with pre-registration as low as \$125.

This event follows the regional event *Community Wind across America* for the Rocky Mountain region by just a few weeks. Held in Denver, CO, it was deemed a big success for the people who came to network and get solid information on how to get their wind projects in the ground.

Support for Community Wind across America comes from U.S. Department of Energy funding and national partnering sponsor Nordic WindPower.

REGISTRATION is available at www.windustry.org or by phoning 612-870-3477.

Community Wind across America regional conferences continue to the **Mid Atlantic Region** February 8-9, 2011, in State College, PA at Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)

Scholarships are available for the Mid Atlantic Conference

About Windustry®

Windustry is a nonprofit working to increase wind energy opportunities for local landowners and communities. Community Wind across America regional conferences are presented with support from the United States Department of Energy.

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