

# Indiana Wind Working Group

December 21, 2006 meeting summary and  
March – June, 2007 working plan

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## **December 2006 Meeting Summary**

Over 70 participants attended the December 2006 meeting of the IWWG at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis. Ryan Brown from the Indiana Office of Energy & Defense Development made introductory remarks and then made a Wind Power Update presentation to the group. Larry Flowers from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory had planned to give the presentation, but could not attend due to bad weather in Denver, CO. The presentation is available at [www.in.gov/energy/technologies/iwwg.html](http://www.in.gov/energy/technologies/iwwg.html)

The first part of the presentation provided an update on the wind power industry and the many drivers behind its significant growth in recent years. The second half of the presentation covered the National 20% Vision for wind power. This initiative was sparked by President Bush's comments that wind power could one day provide 20% of America's electricity. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the U.S. Department of Energy and the American Wind Energy Association have been developing a roadmap for this vision.

Initial results from modeling show that Indiana would provide a significant contribution to this vision through development of wind farms and new manufacturing facilities. The roadmap is expected to be released in June 2007 at the WindPower Conference in Los Angeles.

After a break and time for networking, the group broke into small teams to brainstorm ideas for how the IWWG should function and what topics it should cover in the coming year. It was generally agreed that the IWWG should hold large meetings several times per year and also create topic-specific committees that will meet more frequently.

## **IWWG Committees**

The following four committees cover the main topics raised during the December 2006 meeting. *Chairpersons need to be identified (two per committee would be ideal) to lead the committees, report to the larger IWWG and coordinate action items.* If you are interested in leading one of the committees, please contact Ryan Brown via e-mail as soon as possible. (Bullet points are only suggestions for topics to be covered).

1. *Economic Development*
  - Identify Indiana companies that are involved in wind power (developers, installers, parts manufacturers, etc.)
  - Develop a plan to attract wind manufacturing jobs and plants to Indiana.
  - Quantify current and future economic impact of wind power development in Indiana.
  - Engage Indiana's economic development organizations.
2. *Policy*
  - Identify and analyze current policies to attract wind power development and jobs to Indiana, policies used in other states and develop policy recommendations for OED and the State Legislature.
3. *Transmission and Siting*
  - Identify and analyze transmission challenges presented by higher penetrations of wind power in Indiana's generation mix.
  - Environmental benefits and concerns associated with wind power
4. *Education and Outreach*
  - Use OED funding to purchase anemometer equipment and tall towers to gather long-term data on Indiana's wind resource.
  - Make presentations to various groups interested in wind power
  - Develop wind educational resources for Indiana landowners located in high wind resource areas of the state.
  - Lead the planning of the Indiana Wind Power Conference

After committee chairs are identified, they will send out e-mails to the large group requesting participation.

### **Hiring a IWWG Moderator/Administrator**

Currently I am not able to devote the amount of time necessary to coordinate and plan meetings of the IWWG. I plan to continue significant participation in the IWWG, but I would like to contract an individual or organization to serve as IWWG moderator/administrator. This person will moderate and plan large group IWWG meetings, coordinate committee meetings and work products, provide OED with meeting summaries for web updates and plan the 2008 Indiana Wind Power Conference (see below). I have identified one national entity that could serve in this position, but I would like to hear recommendations from IWWG members. *Please contact me if you know someone in Indiana that is experienced in facilitating large group discussions, event planning and has an interest in wind power.*

### **Calendar (March-June 2007)**

*-Friday, March 30, 2007, IN Government Center South, Indianapolis, 9:30AM-12:00PM*  
Briefly meet as a large group and then break into committees. Committee chairs will lead discussions to identify committee action items for work products, goals and future meetings.

*-Wednesday, April 18, 2007, IGCS, Indianapolis, 9:30AM-12:00PM*  
Breakout meetings for committees and then reports from committees to large group. Presentation from wind expert, topic and speaker TBD, possibly Larry Flowers.

*-Week of May 14, 2007, Bus trip to IL Wind Farm, all day*  
All IWWG members are invited to attend a bus trip to an operating Illinois wind farm. Bus will leave from Indianapolis and may pick-up at one other location. A representative from the wind farm operator will be on hand to provide a tour and answer questions.

*-June 3-6, 2007, WindPower 2007, Los Angeles, CA*  
This is the premier wind energy conference and exhibition in North America. Organized by leaders in the wind energy industry, this event will benefit all wind energy professionals. All IWWG members are encouraged to attend.

*-Friday, June 22, 2007, Committee meetings in Indianapolis*

*-July TBD, 2007, Large group IWWG meeting, speakers, time and location TBD*

*-January 2008, Indiana Wind Power Conference*

One of the goals of the 2007 IWWG committees will be to hold a statewide wind power conference in early 2008.