

Community-Based Energy Development CERTs Pre-Conference Workshop Agenda

Presented by Rural Energy Development Initiative (REDI), Southwest Initiative Foundation and Windustry

Feb. 10, 2009

- 1:00 p.m. **Repowering America: An introduction to our clean energy future & what we can learn from the European experience**
Anna Carlson, Masters in Environmental Studies: Policy and Planning, Bemidji State University.
Anna is an Adjunct Instructor at Bemidji State University and was a Guest Masters student in Sustainable Energy Planning and Management at Aalborg University in Denmark
- 1:25 p.m. **Steps to Community Wind – How to Put Together a Community Wind Project**
Melissa Peterson, Program Analyst, Windustry
Melissa holds a M.S. in Conservation Biology and Environmental Policy and currently works with communities and individuals interested in putting together a community owned wind project and on outreach and education for Windustry.
- 1:50 p.m. **Business Models for Wind**
Join representatives from various wind development companies or projects to understand the different ways you might choose to participate in commercial scale community wind development.
- Moderator: Scott Marquardt, Southwest Initiative Foundation Senior Program Officer*
- Panelists: Dan Juhl, Chairman and CEO, Juhl Wind, Inc; Tiff Thompson, Wind Developer, National Wind; Charlie Daum, Wind Developer; Tom Svendson, General Manager, Klickitack Utility/White Creek Wind*
- 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Economic Feasibility – What are the Variables That Affect My ROI?**
Patrick Louwagie, CPA, Hoffman & Brobst, PLLP
Patrick's specialties include farm and agriculture related taxation issues, including the ever-expanding wind industry. Since 1999, Pat has been involved with a number of small to mid-size wind projects as a development and operational consultant, tax advisor, and financial auditor.
- 4:15 p.m. **How is Minnesota Supporting Community-Based Energy Development?**
Mike Bull, Regional Policy Manager, Wind on the Wires
Mike has a number of years of experience working with energy policy, public utilities and renewable resources and is currently a member of the NextGen Energy Board.



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