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North Newton School Corporation's Wind Project to Offset Electrical Utility Costs by 90 Percent

Morocco, Indiana. North Newton School Corporation (NNSC) representatives and student leaders will celebrate the construction of their school's utility-grade wind turbine project with a ceremonial breaking of the ground at the school campus on Tuesday, December 6th, at 1:15 pm Central Time.

NNSC will utilize the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) Feed-in-Tariff program for renewable energy generation to power the school campus. The project will include one 321-foot high, 900 kW, three-blade PowerWind turbine on school property, with Performance Services serving as the design builder. The project is designed to match the energy load of the Jr./Sr. High School and the turbine will have the ability to offset 90 percent of total usage at the Jr./Sr. High School. Over the 25-year life of the project, utility savings are expected to exceed \$3.5 million after all project related costs. The school was awarded a Clean Renewable Energy Bond (CREB) in 2009 in the amount of \$2.3 million to finance the project.

Brian Smith, superintendent said, "The North Newton School Corporation is excited to begin such a valuable project. This wind turbine will offer clean renewable energy at a significant energy savings to our school district during such difficult economic times. This is a collaborative effort between the county officials, community members, and board of trustees."

An essential component of the wind project is a renewable energy curriculum. Lessons plans, a K-12 curriculum map, and unique learning opportunities will be made available for K-12 students. This project will become a real-world lab in which NNSC students will have the opportunity to learn and explore renewable energy first hand.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with North Newton School Corporation on this important community wind project. This corporation is blessed with one of the best wind resources in Indiana. By harnessing this sustainable resource the school will be able to significantly reduce their utility costs and redirect those dollars back into the classroom where they belong. This project will create a desirable model for environmental stewardship and sustainable practices in the community for many generations to come," said Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services.

For more information about North Newton School Corporation, visit <http://www.nn.k12.in.us/>

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