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Nation's First School-City Wind Turbine Project Celebrates Groundbreaking Event

Union City, Indiana [June 12, 2009] – Randolph Eastern School Corporation and The City of Union City, Indiana, will make history as the first community in the nation to have a wind turbine project produce energy for both a school and a city. The groundbreaking event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at Union City Community High School on Friday, June 19, 2009. The morning event will serve as the kickoff to a day-long BOOMTOWN USA celebration, recognizing Union City as the renewable energy corridor of Indiana.

American Electric Power, a partner on the project, as well as Performance Services, supported the funding of the original Randolph Eastern alternative energy science project that included a small experimental wind turbine that is connected to the classroom for students to study.

The project will include two 330-foot high, 1 megawatt (MW) 2-blade Nordic WindPower turbines. The revenue generated will benefit the school and the city budgets by offsetting current utility costs.

“Students from Randolph, Jay and Darke Counties will have an opportunity with this project to learn about alternative energy as well as receive training on maintenance of a wind turbine. For Randolph Eastern Schools, this has been a wonderful opportunity to develop a partnership that combines the best of economic development, collaboration, education, and environmental stewardship,” said Cathy Stephen, Randolph Eastern School Corporation Superintendent. Cathy will speak at the ground breaking event to announce a grant to fund development of new curriculum with dual-course credit potential.

Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services, will also speak at the groundbreaking event. “Wind is a tremendous natural resource in Randolph County and we’re excited about partnering with Randolph Eastern School Corporation, The City of Union City, and American Electric Power to utilize renewable and clean energy to offset utility costs and generate revenue for the benefit of the taxpayer community and the classroom,” noted Tim.

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