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Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation's Wind Turbine Project Celebrates a First for Indiana

Akron, Indiana. Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation (TVSC) representatives and student leaders celebrated the start of construction on their school's utility-grade wind turbine project with a ceremonial breaking of the ground today on the campus of Tippecanoe Valley High School and Tippecanoe Valley Middle School.

Tippecanoe Valley will be the first school corporation in Indiana to install a wind turbine with behind the meter technology that will allow the school to generate approximately 70% of all electrical power used on the high school and middle school campus. Kosciusko REMC, the utility partner on the project, worked with the school corporation and the design-builder on the project, Performance Services, to develop the unique solution that is expected to significantly reduce utility costs. The wind turbine is scheduled to be operational by October of this year.

To make the project possible, TVSC was awarded \$2.3 million in Clean Renewable Energy Bonds. The project includes one 321-foot high, 900 kW, PowerWind turbine to be erected on school property near the school corporation's bus garage in an agricultural field.

"This is a project that has been in the works since our School Board began looking into wind power in September 2008. It's also a green project that will help our school district compensate for decreases in state funding and allow us to reduce expenditures without diminishing programs or opportunities for students," said Brett Boggs, TVSC superintendent. An essential component of the wind project is also a renewable energy curriculum with access to live wind data of the turbine via a web-based classroom interface.

Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services noted, "We are excited about working with the Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation on this important community wind energy project. The electricity generated by this wind turbine will eliminate most of the school's electric bill for the next 25 years, enabling Tippecanoe Valley to redirect more dollars into the classroom now and for generations to come. This wind energy project will also provide a renewable energy learning experience for their students with an integrated curriculum and enable them to model environmental stewardship and sustainable practices to their community."

For more information about Tippecanoe Valley Schools, visit <http://www.tvsc.k12.in.us>

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