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## **West Central School Corporation's Wind Project a First for NIPSCO Feed-in-Tariff Program**

**Francesville, Indiana.** West Central School Corporation (WCSC) 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 Friday morning, September 30th, at 9:30 am EDT at the high school campus.

WCSC will be the first public school corporation in Indiana to utilize the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) Feed-in-Tariff program for renewable energy generation. 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 pay for itself and at the same time significantly reduce the cost of energy at the schools. In doing so, the corporation hopes to be able to maintain the existing tax rate. Over the 25-year life of the project, net revenue is expected to exceed \$2.9 million after all project related costs.

"This is a great event for the West Central School Corporation and the school community. We are very excited about the opportunity to work with Performance Services and NIPSCO to make this first of its kind project become a reality," said Charles Mellon, superintendent.

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 WCSC students will have the opportunity to learn and explore renewable energy first hand.

Tim Thoman, President of Performance Services noted, "We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with West Central School Corporation on this important community wind project. Utilizing a natural wind resource to support school funding is an innovative solution. This wind project will also provide a unique learning experience for West Central students with an integrated curriculum and enable them to model environmental stewardship and sustainable practices to their community."

For more information about West Central School Corporation, visit <http://www.wcsc.k12.in.us/>

Performance Services is an Indianapolis-based design-build engineering company that specializes in constructing and renovating schools and renovating universities to deliver optimal learning environments through both the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract and Design-Build procurement methods. Innovative wind power and geothermal systems are integral to the energy services portfolio. The company has provided energy services to education for more than 13 years and currently serves K-12, higher education, healthcare and municipal government and is the leading qualified provider of guaranteed energy savings projects and ENERGY STAR labeled schools in Indiana. To learn more, visit <http://www.performanceservices.com>.