

Small Wind Turbine Installation Workshop

Professional Development



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Great River Energy Headquarters

Due to increasing interest in renewable energy and residential-sized wind turbines, this three-day workshop is being offered to provide an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of small wind project development. The timeliness of this workshop complements the growing demand and interest in renewable energy.

With the passage of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 came a small wind investment tax credit to help consumers purchase small wind for home, farm or business use. Owners of small wind systems with 100 kilowatts (kW) of capacity and less can receive a credit for 30% of the total installed cost of the system, not to exceed \$4,000. The credit will be available for equipment installed through December 31, 2016. For turbines used for homes, the credit is additionally limited to the lesser of \$4,000 or \$1,000 per kW of capacity.

Workshop registration is \$125 and includes lunches and the resource manual "*Renewable Energy for Home, Farm and Business*" by Paul Gipe.

Who should attend?

New & existing small wind installers, MN small wind manufacturers, electricians, consultants, PV installers interested in wind and Minnesota Renewable Energy Society members.

Register online at:
www.mnRenewables.org

This three-day course will lead participants through all the necessary background information required to site and install a small wind turbine (up to 40 kW in capacity).

The course will cover in detail all the steps for a successful project including timelines, initial planning stages, siting considerations, wind resource assessments & energy production estimates, tower considerations, zoning requirements, interconnection, insurance, used equipment, permitting, equipment assembly, decommissioning, plus much more.

The workshop will be lead by one of the foremost small wind industry experts, Roy Butler.

Roy Butler of Four Wind Renewable Energy has more than 12 years of design and installation experience with grid-tied and off-grid wind electric systems. Roy has been very active on the educational front over the last 7 years, as a trainer and presenter at more than 75 workshops. He is also on the NABCEP Technical Review Committee for wind installer certification, and organizer and presenter for the national Small Wind Conference in Wisconsin, a board member of the Small Wind Certification Council and a technical editor for Home Power Magazine.

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Space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. Registration priority will be given to new installers, electricians, consultants and manufacturers.

For general questions on the workshops, contact the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society at www.mnRenewables.org or 612/308-4757.