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Dear Windustry,

The fall is here, the days are getting shorter and the cool weather is upon us. Windustry is back in the office after another successful Minnesota State Fair and we are gearing up for an exciting legislative session. Stay tuned for updates and in the meanwhile, here is what we have been up to.

Wind Energy Center a Success!

2008 Minnesota State Fair and Windustry's Wind Energy Center



Windustry presented its 3rd annual Wind Energy Center at the Minnesota State Fair's Eco Experience. Many thanks to our partners and to our over 100 volunteers for making this year a success!

This year's highlights included trying out different careers in the Work in Wind display, watching a video on being a wind turbine technician inside of a replica turbine tower, experimenting with blade design at the activity corral and talking with our staff and volunteers about ways you can be

involved in wind energy.

The Eco-Experience had over 350,000 visitors during the 12 days of the fair. It's the largest booth of its kind in the country! Be sure to check out our photos [here](#).

RE-Fest in Austin, MN

This Saturday, September 20th in Austin, MN is RE-Fest, a celebration of green living and clean energy. The event is free and open to the public and will be a great way for you to learn about clean energy options, green household products, sustainable building materials and many environmental organizations. At RE-fest you'll learn how you can take action to conserve the Earth's limited resources and make positive changes in your community.

The event will begin with a musical concert at the Paramount Theater featuring Peter Ostroushko, creator and producer of the original soundtrack for the 4-part documentary series Minnesota: A History of the Land. Saturday morning festivities will begin with a tasty solar breakfast. For the remainder of the day you can browse, participate in and enjoy a variety of activities, including a presentation by Windustry staff addressing the myths and facts of wind energy. For more information about RE-fest, please visit <http://www.re-fest.org/>. We hope to see you there.

Podcast features Windustry's Executive Director

Windustry's Executive Director, Lisa Daniels, was featured in a recent podcast by RenewableEnergyWorld.com on the diseconomies of scale in the wind energy markets. Lisa highlights Minnesota's commitment to community wind and its role in the wind energy marketplace.

You can listen to the podcast online or download it [here](#). Also featured in the discussion are wind energy expert Paul Gipe and Dan Juhl, CEO of Juhl Wind.

Windustry staff tour the Grand Meadows Wind Farm



During the first part of September, Windustry staff (Lisa Daniels, Melissa Peterson and Christina Mills) toured the Grand Meadows wind farm with the [Women of Wind Energy](#). The project is located about 27 miles southwest of Rochester, MN. We were lucky enough to arrive in time to watch the nacelle and rotor be installed on a 1.5 Megawatt GE machine.

This farm will be the first to be owned and operated by Xcel Energy in the state of Minnesota. You can read more about the project and our visit [here](#).

Windustry promotes progressive renewable energy solutions and empowers communities to develop wind energy as an environmentally sustainable, community-owned asset. Through member supported outreach, education and advocacy we work to remove the barriers to broad community ownership of wind energy.

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