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### Community Wind Energy 2008

We just got back from Albany, NY, where we hosted Community Wind Energy 2008 on Monday to Wednesday of this past week. With hundreds of attendees from 36 states and five countries, a lively exhibit floor, two days of exciting sessions and a unique chance to visit the community wind project at Jiminy Peak, the event was a great success! Click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) to view some photos of the event.

If you were at the event, conference proceedings will be available soon free of charge. If you didn't make it to the conference, you will be able to purchase a copy of the proceedings once they are made available. We'll have more details about that on our website soon!

### New PPA Tool in the Community Wind Toolbox

We're excited to announce that the Community Wind Toolbox is now a little bigger with the addition of a new section about Power Purchase Agreements. A power purchase agreement (PPA) is a contract to buy the electricity generated by a power plant. These agreements are a critical part of planning a successful wind project because they secure a long-term stream of revenue for the project through the sale of the electricity generated by the project. Securing a good PPA is often one of the most challenging elements of wind project development.

Written by Dan Yarano and Christy Brusven from Fredrikson & Byron, P.A., the new section covers the basic elements of a power purchase agreement and talks about things to expect and look out for.

You can [view this new tool as a web page by clicking here](#), or [download a PDF version by clicking here](#).

### Come See Windustry at the Living Green Expo May 3-4 in St. Paul

You read our emails, you visit our website, and you may have even talked to us on the phone. Now is your chance to meet Windustry in person at the Living Green Expo on May 3-4 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, Minnesota. We'll be there with our display and ready to answer your questions about wind.

[Use this link to learn more about the Living Green Expo and find directions to the event.](#)

*Windustry is a non-profit organization working to increase wind energy opportunities for rural landowners and communities. We promote wind energy through outreach, educational materials, and technical assistance to rural landowners, local communities and utilities, and state, regional, and nonprofit collaborations.*

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