



About Us

The Illinois Wind Energy Association (formerly known as Wind for Illinois) is a non-profit organization working to increase the use of clean, emissions-free wind energy in Illinois.

Wind energy is good for our state and IWEA seeks to build broad support for wind in our communities and with our political leaders. Since forming in 2007, IWEA has been the voice of wind power in Illinois, providing important data and expert analysis to state and local government, the media and the public.

The Illinois Wind Energy Association is the only organization solely dedicated to expanding wind power in this state. See our [Membership page](#) for more information on getting involved in Wind for Illinois.

About Wind Power in Illinois

Illinois is currently seeing a massive expansion in wind energy development. The state is now home to over 1000 megawatts of wind generation capacity - enough to power more than 300,000 homes with clean, emissions-free electricity.

Going forward, Illinois will be an increasingly important market for wind energy. With millions of acres of farm land, strong winds, well-developed electricity transmission infrastructure and a state law mandating massive renewable energy growth, Illinois will continue to see strong wind energy development in the coming decades. [Click here](#) for more information about wind power in Illinois.

Wind energy can help America break away from fossil fuels, create well-paying jobs in manufacturing and construction, and boost economies throughout Illinois. Emissions-free wind power also generates no pollution, helps address climate change and lessens dependence on energy from hostile regions.

Join us in supporting wind energy in Illinois.

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Current News

Monday, September 14, 2009, 04:02 PM

WIND FOR ILLINOIS IS NOW THE ILLINOIS WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION

New name reflects group's role as the voice of the wind industry in the state

CHICAGO -- The Board of Directors of Wind for Illinois announced today the organization has officially changed its name to the Illinois Wind Energy Association, a move that more clearly communicates the organization's role as the top advocate for wind energy in the state.

The newly renamed Illinois Wind Energy Association (IWEA) will continue its core mission of legislative and regulatory advocacy, while expanding its role as a business network for the industry in Chicago and throughout Illinois.

"We're very happy to announce this change," said IWEA Executive Director Kevin Borgia, "this new name better-reflects our mission to improve the business environment for wind in this important state. We look forward to working with firms across the wind industry, policymakers and the citizens of Illinois to increase wind generation in the Land of Lincoln."

In the two years since its founding, IWEA has grown into an instrumental part of the wind industry in Illinois, helping to guide state political leaders toward beneficial energy policy.

IWEA members are many of the leading firms in the wind industry, including Invenergy LLC, Iberdrola Renewables, Gamesa Energy, Midwest Wind Energy, Oak Creek Energy Systems, Burns & McDonnell, the Farnsworth Group and many others. Membership in the group is open to any individual or firm in the wind energy industry. Please visit our [Membership Page](#) for more information on joining IWEA.

IWEA will retain the web address www.windforillinois.org, and Borgia and all other staff will remain with the organization.

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INTRODUCING THE ILLINOIS WIND POWER NEWS SITE!

Wind for Illinois is proud to announce our news page is now online! Available at WindforIllinois.blogspot.com, the page page is the one-stop-shop for breaking news on wind in Illinois.

The site aggregates news stories about wind development in Illinois, including updates on developing projects, local zoning changes, state policy updates, and other important news. We will also post original content and stories.

The site is a free service of Wind for Illinois, and is ideal for professionals in the wind industry in Illinois, policymakers and others interested in wind energy in this state.

Soon, individuals will also be able to receive a daily email digest of breaking wind news. RSS syndication is now available.

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WIND POWER MAPS NOW AVAILABLE!

Wind for Illinois is proud to unveil its interactive maps of wind farms in Illinois.

With an easy-to-use Google Maps interface, WFI's new maps page shows the approximate locations of all operating wind energy projects in Illinois, as well as the growing number of community and municipally-owned wind turbines that are now springing up across the state. Users can also add a layer to see where projects are

being proposed in Illinois.

Thanks to strong wind resources, robust transmission infrastructure and an ambitious renewable energy standard, Illinois is quickly becoming one of the leading states for wind power development. This positive environment combines with the forward-thinking policies and incentives included in President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill, making Illinois a major player in the growing green power sector.

Visit our new [maps page](#) to see which parts of Illinois are benefiting from wind power today!
