

Press Release: Louisiana Wind Developer Announces 150 MW Sustainable Energy Project in Evangeline Parish

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Experienced development, engineering and project management group to accelerate project forward

New Orleans, LA – Louisiana’s clean energy future received a big boost today as an experienced team of development, engineering and project management specialists announce their 150 MW Wind Farm to provide clean power to the region’s growing need to diversify into clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The wind farm is designed to meet the power needs of any announced Request for Proposals from multiple utilities in the state.

Louisiana Wind, LLC, the local independent developer, is a Louisiana-based company that has assembled a team of professionals with significant wind energy experience, including Texas A&M University’s Clean Energy Incubator (TAMCEI). Louisiana Wind has also selected DDM Group to provide overall project management of the wind farm development. The principals at DDM have led the overall program management of land development and facilities valued in excess of \$3.9 billion. Their experience includes working for an Independent Power Producer (IPP) on more than 500 MW of co-generation plants in three states.

“Our collaborative effort advances Louisiana’s transition into clean energy,” said Stephen Vial, co-founder and managing member of Louisiana Wind. “We have been working quietly for the last three years studying the atmospheric physics, acquiring landowner participation, policy and regulatory comprehension, completing preliminary engineering and financial feasibility. This project offers a multitude of long-term positive economic impacts for Louisiana. The region will benefit from the addition of a significant amount of new, clean energy and aid in maintaining Louisiana as a leader in energy production. Our project helps stabilize rates, generates jobs and additional revenue to the landowners, parish and state.”

"The Texas A&M Clean Energy Incubator provides client entrepreneurs such as Louisiana Wind with the potential for close access to Texas A&M resources, intellectual property and expertise, and is a portal for those wanting to partner with Texas A&M researchers and facilities," said John Pappas of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station and principal investigator for the Clean Energy Incubator.

About Louisiana Wind, LLC:

Louisiana Wind LLC, a Louisiana company, was formed in June 2013 to develop and build a wind farm to harvest Class 3 winds shown to exist in central Louisiana. When fully implemented, the 150 MW Louisiana Wind Farm will have approximately 55 turbines installed over 4,000 acres and provide enough electricity equivalent to power more than 60,000 average Louisiana households.

About Research at Texas A&M University: As one of the world's leading research institutions, Texas A&M is at the forefront in making significant contributions to scholarship and discovery, including that of science and technology. Research conducted at Texas A&M represented annual expenditures of more than \$866.6 million in fiscal year 2015. Texas A&M ranked in the top 20 of the National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development survey (2014), based on expenditures of more than \$854 million in fiscal year 2014. Texas A&M's research creates new knowledge that provides basic, fundamental and applied contributions resulting, in many cases, in economic benefits to the state, nation and world. To learn more, visit <http://research.tamu.edu>.

About the Texas A&M Clean Energy Incubator:

Texas A&M University was awarded a Clean Energy Incubator grant by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) in 2013. The Texas A&M Clean Energy Incubator (TAMCEI) offers global entrepreneurs a best-in-class business incubation environment for the development and commercialization of clean energy technologies. TAMCEI is located in College Station, Texas, and functions as a hub-and-spoke incubator touching all corners of the state of Texas, and is operated by the Research Valley Innovation Center. TAMCEI brings together a substantial network of clean energy scholars, university research labs, test bed facilities, as well as strategic partnerships with energy corporations, investors and bottom-line focused consultants to support top-flight clean energy companies going to market.

About DDM Group:

The DDM Group (DDM, LLC), headquartered in Houston, Texas, is providing development and project management services to Louisiana Wind. DDM brings an extensive network of relationships and the wide range of financial and physical resources to assist in the project.

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