



Los Angeles Breaks Ground on Nation's Largest City-Owned Wind Farm

The city of Los Angeles broke ground on the largest city-owned wind farm in America at the end of January, according to [a press release from the office of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa](#). The 120-MW farm is scheduled to go on line in 2009, and is unique in that it will be both municipally owned and operated. Once operating, it will supply power for 56,000 homes. The mayor also announced plans for a second, even larger farm, where 150 additional MW of city-owned wind power will be built

Production Tax Credit Update

The [Federal Production Tax Credit \(PTC\)](#) is [the primary federal incentive for renewable energy development in the U.S.](#) Created in 1992, it has expired and been renewed or extended many times since then. This boom and bust cycle has left the wind industry struggling to maintain consistent progress. In 2006, the PTC was once again extended through the end of 2008, but no provisions have been made beyond then.

Earlier this month, there was an attempt to extend the PTC by attaching it to the 2008 economic stimulus package. However, it was not included in the final bill. Some see this as a bad sign for the continuation of the PTC, but it does not mean the PTC won't be extended after 2008. There are many advocacy and industry groups partnering to ensure the PTC is extended past 2008, and with ten months remaining in the year, industry leaders are confident that the PTC will survive this latest setback.

2XtM Snowkiters Raise Wind Energy Awareness Across ND

Windustry has made an exciting connection with the 2XtM (To Cross the Moon) snowkiting expedition. The expedition's three kites set off last week on a 390-mile trek across North Dakota. With the help of their education team, the snowkiters are using their adventure to draw attention to North Dakota's amazing wind resource and the potential for wind energy to benefit the state's communities.

Windustry has signed on as an Education and Community Outreach Partner, and we're helping get good information in to the hands of people across the state. Visit our [special North Dakota webpage](#) to find some of the resources we're sending along.

You can learn more about the expedition on the 2XtM website, www.2xtm.com. Be sure to check out the map of their progress!

Sacramento Municipal Utility District Releases RFP for Renewable Energy

To help meet its renewable energy goals, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District has released a request for proposal (RFP) for power purchase agreements (PPAs) for California RPS-eligible conventional renewable resources, which include wind, small hydroelectric (30 MW or less), geothermal, landfill gas, direct combustion biomass, and biodiesel.

Proposals and letters of interest are due on April 7, 2008. Learn more on the [SMUD website](#).

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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