

# Great Lakes Wind Collaborative

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Dear GLWC Stakeholders,

When we formed the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative over two years ago, we believed that we would eventually see a wave of wind development sweep across the Great Lakes. We were right. But rather than simply ride that wave, stakeholders decided instead to use their collective talents and resources to facilitate the development of wind power that was economically and environmentally sustainable. We adopted a charter and together decided that baseline administrative support for the growing binational collaborative would be necessary for us to effectively carry out our mission. We chose the Great Lakes Commission (Commission) to provide that support and have since jointly executed a memorandum of understanding outlining the services that would be provided by the Commission. We have been well served.

It was always understood that primary support for the GLWC would come from its stakeholders, mainly in the form of in-kind support and workplan contributions. We did not initially consider instituting a fee for membership in the Collaborative as we were fortunate early on to receive funding from the Department of Energy and several other generous stakeholders. In our first two years we have been able to accomplish a number of important tasks utilizing stakeholders, interns, and approximately 1.5 FTE positions at the Commission.

- Published initial offshore wind development guidelines entitled *Offshore Siting Principles and Guidelines for Wind Development on the Great Lakes* based on the input of multiple stakeholders (October 2009)
- Facilitated the states of Michigan and Wisconsin as they consider developing a joint offshore wind project by producing *Preparation for Offshore Wind in Lake Michigan: Information Solicitation Options for Michigan and Wisconsin* (August 2009)
- Advanced dialogue and understanding of offshore wind development in the Great Lakes by hosting a Regional Collaboration Webinar and Stakeholder Meeting (Fall 2009)
- Assisted informed decision-making by launching the inaugural version of the Great Lakes Online Wind Atlas (<http://eric.glin.net/wind>)
- Educated wind stakeholders on the economics of wind energy by hosting a Webinar entitled *The Economic Development Aspects of Wind Energy in the Great Lakes Region* (June 2009)
- Engaged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other state, provincial and federal agencies in a forward looking dialogue on ways to improve efficiencies in permitting offshore wind development (ongoing)

Our work plan for 2010-2011 is even more ambitious. You will quickly see that the list contains major project initiatives that are of considerable importance to the prudent development of wind power in the Great Lakes region.

- Conducting a Great Lakes turbine demand study and distributing study results
- Creating communication materials and presentations on the economic development impacts of wind energy
- Hosting a regional workshop to share the latest scientific information on wind energy's *regional* bird and bat impacts
- Developing and administering an offshore wind public perception and viewshed study
- Advancing the wind transmission dialogue by mapping regional transmission infrastructure, identifying specific regional transmission roadblocks and analyzing the cost-reliability debate
- Enhancing regional access to data on the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative Online Wind Atlas to increase understanding of wind development opportunities, environmental sensitivities and other regulatory issues

Our wish list of workplan projects far exceeds the financial resources we have to carry them out. As a collaborative we do not desire to require a membership fee of stakeholders in order to participate. A "pay-to-play" approach would limit participation by a number of stakeholders who have much to offer in in-kind services, but who do not have the financial resources to make a large contribution. We also do not want to raise the expectations of those who would be asked to contribute more. Our appeal to you is to support the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative voluntarily. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 in annual contributions from all 400 stakeholders.

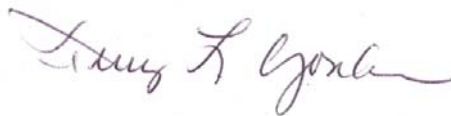
Your support would insure that we can provide the baseline administrative support that we now believe the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative needs to provide the services you have come to expect. Contributions can be made online at <https://www.glc.org/energy/wind/don/> or with the attached form. If you have any questions regarding contributions or are interested in supporting a specific project initiative in addition to contributing baseline funding please contact John Hummer at [jhummer@glc.org](mailto:jhummer@glc.org), (734) 971-9135. The GLWC will continue to support its work plan through foundation grants, government funding, and in-kind services provided by our members. In the final analysis, the signs of a healthy collaborative are the contributions of time and talent from its stakeholders.

We trust that as a stakeholder you will join us in our continuing effort to provide financial support for the Great Lakes Wind Collaborative.

Sincerely,



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# Great Lakes Wind Collaborative Annual Voluntary Contribution Form

The Great Lakes Wind Collaborative (GLWC) is a multi-sector coalition of wind energy stakeholders working to facilitate the sustainable development of wind power in the binational Great Lakes region. The GLWC's work is supported by the voluntary contributions and in kind services of its stakeholders, foundation grants and government funding. *All contributions to the GLWC are deductible as charitable donations in both the U.S. and Canada.*

**Thank you for your voluntary contribution!**

Name

Affiliation

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Please check your contribution level. The categories below are suggested contribution levels:

\$100,000*	\$10,000	\$500
\$60,000*	\$5,000	\$100
\$30,000*	\$1,000	Other (specify amount) \$

*\* Contributions over \$30,000 can be divided over a period of up to three years. Please specify the number of payments*

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