

## Great Lakes Wind Collaborative

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# **Great Lakes Wind Collaborative** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Sept. 25-26 in Erie, Pa.

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**Ann Arbor, Mich.** – The Great Lakes Wind Collaborative (GLWC) – the leading source of information on windpower in the binational Great Lakes region – will be visiting Erie, Pa., later this month to host its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Sept. 25-26 at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel.

Featured speakers and topics include:

- Michael Krancer, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:
   Importance of Sustaining Momentum for Wind Power in the Great Lakes Region
- Eric Thumma, Iberdrola Renewables: Wind Markets and Project Development
- Ed DeMeo, Renewable Energy Consulting Services: *Renewable Electricity Futures (REF) Study*
- Christy Omohundro, American Wind Energy Association: The U.S. Windpower Industry: What Lies Ahead

This year's program features sessions jam-packed with the latest information on wind power in the Great Lakes region, including: *Great Lakes Wind: The Big Picture; Wind, Wildlife, Birds and Fisheries: The Latest; Public Engagement, Education and Outreach Strategies; Great Lakes Offshore Wind: What's on the Horizon?;* and a special session on the *Wind Economy and the Supply Chain*, coordinated in concert with the Global Wind Network (GLWN).

The GLWC's 5th Annual Meeting brings together representatives of U.S. and Canadian federal agencies, state/provincial and local governments, the wind industry, electric utilities, nonprofit organizations, academia and other interested stakeholders to discuss these and other issues regarding the sustainable development of wind energy in the binational Great Lakes region.

The latest draft agenda, registration, and travel and lodging information is available on the GLWC website at <a href="http://www.glc.org/energy/wind/conf2012.html">http://www.glc.org/energy/wind/conf2012.html</a>. Register by September 7 for an early bird registration fee of \$150.

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The Great Lakes Wind Collaborative (GLWC) is multi-sector coalition of wind energy stakeholders working to facilitate the sustainable development of wind power in the binational Great Lakes region. For more information about the GLWC, see <a href="www.glc.org/energy/wind">www.glc.org/energy/wind</a>.