



NEW ENGLAND  
WIND ENERGY  
EDUCATION PROJECT  
CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP:  
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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# OVERVIEW

- ◎ Context
- ◎ Introductions
  - NEWEEP:
    - The project
    - Your hosts
    - The Steering Committee
  - The Attendees
  - The Speakers
- ◎ Conference & Workshop
  - Overview
  - Mechanics

# CONTEXT

## ◉ Context for the Day

- Share information on issues in a way that allows dialog around what is known and what is not

## ◉ Hopes for the Day

- Move closer to common ground - understanding that not everyone will or has to agree
- Share information understanding that people feel strongly and passionately about this issue, all believing that they are doing the right thing
- Some are working with different sets of information, exchanging that information will help all to better understand each others views, while addressing misconceptions on all sides

## ◉ Emotions are high but the only method that will allow a viable solution is Civil Dialogue

# NEW ENGLAND WIND ENERGY EDUCATION PROJECT (NEWEEP)

- ◉ Objective: Provide siting decision-makers & the potentially-impacted public with **objective information on which to make informed decisions** about proposed wind energy projects throughout New England by:
  - **Collecting and disseminating** accurate, objective, up-to-date information on critical wind energy issues impacting market acceptance of proposed wind projects
- ◉ Philosophy/Perspective: Wind Energy has benefits, but...
  - Not every place is the right place for wind generation.
  - Consequences of wind power are rarely as dire as depicted by organized opponents...
  - And are often not as free of consequence as proponents would hope (and represent)...

# NEWEEP PROJECT OVERVIEW:

- 2-year project through Nov 2011
- Grant funded by DOE Wind Powering America 'Market Acceptance' program. Grant Co-applicants:
  - Sustainable Energy Advantage, LLC (SEA) - Proj. Coordinator
  - National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- Directed by Steering Committee consisting of New England state agencies, regional & national research organizations, New England's regional grid operator
- Free Webinars open to public (5 so far)
- Full-day Conference & Workshop
- Web-based repository
  - webinar-related materials
  - conference presentations (may take ~ 2 weeks)

## Steering Committee Members

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Connecticut Clean Energy Fund
- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- University of Massachusetts - Wind Energy Center
- Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- ISO-New England
- Utility Wind Integration Group
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- Clean Energy States Alliance
- New Hampshire Office of Energy & Planning
- Renewable Energy New England (RENEW) - An organization consisting of environmental advocates & wind businesses

# ATTENDEES

- ⦿ Composition
- ⦿ Input
  - Surveys
  - Q&A
  - Workshops!
- ⦿ Some insights to share from surveys....





# NEWEEP CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

- ◎ Structure of the Day
  - Conference
  - Workshop
  - Back together
- ◎ Agenda Overview
- ◎ Speakers
  - Who?
  - Why?
  - What's missing?

# SOME MECHANICS

- ⦿ Cell phones off
- ⦿ Rest Rooms
- ⦿ Ground Rules → Civil Dialogue
- ⦿ Q&A Approach
  
- ⦿ Sponsors
  - Thanks!
- ⦿ Exhibitors

# YOUR HOSTS

- ◉ National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- ◉ Sustainable Energy Advantage

# OVERVIEW OF NEW ENGLAND WIND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY