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The Future of Wind Power in Virginia: A Collaborative Effort for Change

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The Virginia Wind Energy Collaborative (VWEC) was formed in 2002 to promote the development and use of wind energy in Virginia. VWEC provides information relevant to large, utility scale wind development and use, as well as small residential and agricultural scale applications of wind energy in Virginia. It is sponsored with the technical and management assistance and initial financial support of the United States Department of Energy's Wind Powering America initiative and Virginia's Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy. As its title implies, VWEC provides a forum for collaboration among stakeholders and organizations interested in promoting the development and use of wind energy in Virginia. VWEC is comprised of non-profit organizations, universities, federal and state government agencies, and for-profit organizations.

The logo for the Virginia Wind Energy Collaborative (VWEC) is centered in the lower half of the image. It features the letters 'VWEC' in a large, bold, light blue font. To the left of the letters is a stylized graphic of a wind turbine or a compass rose with four points, also in light blue. The background of the entire slide is a light blue gradient with a faint, larger-scale version of the VWEC logo.



Drivers for Success

- Dedicated and diverse core of individuals
- Significant participation of enthusiastic and capable undergraduate and graduate students
- Consistent and visible record of success
- Honest broker of information
- Need for strategies to improve air quality and to mitigate negative pressures on the environment
- Opportunities for small- and large-scale wind power development, rural and urban, on- and off-shore
- Communications, Communications, Communications!!!