



Texas Wind Energy Institute

A Partnership between Texas State Technical College and Texas Tech University

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John D. White, Managing Director
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Dear Mr. White,

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our support for the Wind Alliance in your efforts to achieve cost competitiveness and the national objective of 20% wind power by 2025. Your approach, based on collaboration between industry, academia, and government, is similar to our own focus, and we believe that the combination of the three is the key to a sustainable wind energy future. The Texas Wind Energy Institute recognizes your vision of reaching out beyond Texas' borders to include all states in the wind corridor. We believe that using the successful programs we have in Texas as a model for other states is the key to reaching the nation's wind energy potential. We also endorse the Wind Alliance's Critical Success Factors.

As you know, Texas Tech University (TTU) has partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) under a Texas Workforce Commission grant to create a unique collaborative relationship with the goal of educating the wind energy workforce of tomorrow. We offer several educational/training programs that cover everything from technical training and graduate certificates to a Ph.D. in Wind Science and Engineering. Additionally, continuing professional education programs are planned in the form of short courses, seminars, online training modules, and annual conferences.

Our approach is to develop model curricula in Wind Energy which can be used by educational institutions across the state and eventually the nation. This will help establish an industry standard for employee development that will enable graduates to enter the workforce with the necessary skill sets to get to work right away. We believe that the Wind Alliance shares our vision of collaboration beyond Texas, and we stand ready to offer our support in your endeavors. The Texas Wind Energy Institute is excited about the DOE report stating the potential for creation of 180,000 jobs by 2030. Our goal is to supply a workforce ready to fill these positions, and we believe partnerships with organizations such as the Wind Alliance, that share our vision of national collaboration, can help us meet those needs.


Sincerely Yours,

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Director, Wind Science and Engineering Research Center

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