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Great Lakes WIND Network™ Launches New Web-Based Wind Energy Supply Chain Database and Mapping System

Interactive tool will be a ‘catalyst for business expansion, investment and new jobs in the wind energy sector’

CLEVELAND (June 25, 2009) – Great Lakes WIND Network™, an international wind energy supply chain advisory group, announces the launch of its web-based WIND Energy Supply Chain Database and Mapping System, available online at <http://maps.glwn.org/wind/>.

This first-of-its-kind industry resource features an interactive GIS (geographical information system) map and searchable wind supply chain database containing the profiles of more than 1,000 manufacturers and supporting organizations in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico actively serving or emerging in the wind industry. Designed to facilitate customer-supplier relationships, the system quickly connects manufacturers and suppliers with OEMs, economic development officials, consultants and other wind power supply chain partners.

Site users are able to search the database of organizations by company name, industry sector, specialization or wind supplier activity status – “active” for companies currently serving the wind industry and “emerging” for those interested in entering the wind supply chain. Company profiles include name, address and Web site. Among the industry sectors represented in the database are machine shops, fabricators, foundries, forging, electrical, electronics, control systems, gears, bearings, hydraulics, fasteners, metal coatings, composites, and other auxiliary products and services.

“The wind energy sector is the fastest-growing industry in North America. By linking buyers, sellers and other industry partners, we believe this system can be a catalyst for

business expansion, investment and new jobs,” said Ed Weston, Director of WIRE-Net’s Great Lakes WIND Network. “We are very excited at the prospect of being able to service our global network with a single site that supports supply chain needs.”

Access to the site is free and available 24 hours a day. To register with the database, visit www.glwn.org, select “Get Listed,” and complete a Wind Capabilities Profile to start the registration process.

About the Great Lakes WIND Network™

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Great Lakes WIND Network is an international wind energy supply chain advisory group and network of manufacturers and suppliers whose mission is to increase the domestic content of North America’s wind turbines. The network connects OEMs with manufacturers to support business expansion, investment and new jobs in the wind sector. Great Lakes WIND Network is an initiative of WIRE-Net, which is a non-profit economic development organization with a membership of 230 manufacturing-related companies that employ 10,000 people. For more information, visit www.glwn.org.

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