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GLWN Energizes US WIND Market Using Integrated Technology to Build Global Supply Chain Connections

***Interactive web-based system will be a 'catalyst for business expansion, investment and
new jobs in the wind energy sector'***

Dallas (May 24, 2010) – GLWN, 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 hundreds of component manufacturers, service providers, and wind park construction project resources across North America actively serving or emerging in the wind industry. Designed to facilitate customer-supplier relationships, the system quickly connects manufacturers and suppliers with OEMs, suppliers, project managers, economic development officials, and other wind power supply chain partners.

Site users are able to search the database of organizations by company name, industry sector, specialization, and for manufacturers by component produced. Also, companies can be identified by their activity status – “active” for companies currently serving the wind industry and “emerging” for those interested in entering the wind supply chain. Company profiles include a full page of marketing information including name, address, key capabilities, contact information, and a hot link to their Web site. Industry sectors represented in the database cover the full range of the wind supply chain--from construction and logistics--- through wind turbine production---and after commissioning care, including maintenance, repair, and operations. The site allows for suppliers to seek and be found in their industry sector.

“The wind energy sector is the most exciting 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 GLWN™:

Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, GLWN – 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. Launched as Great Lakes WIND Network – GLWN is now a Global WIND Network comprised over 1500 suppliers to the wind industry. Started in 2007, GLWN 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.