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GLWN Teams with BlueGreen Alliance Foundation to Help U.S. Manufacturers Build Stake in Wind Market

GLWN believes BlueGreen Alliance Foundation project will build the capacity of small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, enabling them to play a larger role in expanding U.S. wind energy market.

GLWN today announced that they would partner with the BlueGreen Alliance Foundation in a project aimed at building the capacity of small and medium-sized manufacturing firms, enabling them to play a larger role in helping to increase domestic content of North America's wind turbines, stimulate new investments in manufacturing, technology, and jobs, and support the expanding U.S. wind energy market.

The BlueGreen Alliance Foundation last week was awarded a \$560,000 Manufacturing Extension Partnership grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for the Clean Energy Manufacturing Center — a \$1.3 million program aimed at aiding U.S. manufacturers in developing a domestic supply chain for the emerging wind energy industry.

As part of their work with the BlueGreen Alliance Foundation's Clean Energy Manufacturing Center, GLWN will work with four Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) centers (Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center, Indiana Purdue TAP, Montana MEP, and West Virginia MEP), the American Wind Energy Association, the United Steelworkers, and the Alliance for American Manufacturing, to develop a series of programs and services that will help accelerate the development and increase the capacity of domestic supply chains in the emerging wind energy industry.

"We've been saying all along that the wind market is "tailor-made" for U.S. heavy industry. With the right resources there are opportunities to manufacture turbine components as well as parts for wind-related infrastructure and logistics supply chains. The requisite skills and logistics demands of the industry favor local sources. We're delighted to be part of this exciting project that help will bring the needed resources and technical knowledge to local manufacturers so they can successfully compete against already-established wind suppliers from other continents."

About GLWN™: *GLWN is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the domestic content of North America's wind turbines and to localize new business opportunities in the growing wind industry. GLWN works with wind turbine OEMs and developers, identifies critical needs, and connects manufacturers and suppliers with new customers. GLWN.org is a leading online industry resource with over 1,600 suppliers. For information about GLWN, visit www.glwn.org.*

Launched in 2007 as the Great Lakes WIND Network, GLWN is an initiative of WIRE-Net, a non-profit economic development organization located in Cleveland, Ohio. To learn more, visit www.wire-net.org.