

FACILITATING *Wind Energy Siting*

March 23-25, 2011
Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA

>> ADDRESSING CHALLENGES AROUND VISUAL IMPACTS,
NOISE, CREDIBLE DATA, AND LOCAL BENEFITS
THROUGH CREATIVE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A 3-day pilot workshop funded by
the U.S. Department of Energy
through the “20% Wind Energy
by 2030” initiative.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- STATE AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS/STAFF WITH
DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
SITING AND POLICY
MAKING
- WIND ENERGY
DEVELOPERS
- OTHER STAKEHOLDERS
ENGAGED IN WIND SITING
AND POLICY MAKING

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Lawrence Susskind

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Director, MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program; Founder,
Consensus Building Institute

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ABOUT...

Across the United States, government decision-makers need to work effectively with stakeholders to resolve wind energy policies and siting frameworks. Wind energy developers face a complex landscape of divergent regulations, interests, policies, and support when trying to site their wind projects. Meanwhile, communities often feel besieged by wind development proposals they don't know how to evaluate and consider. Effective collaboration between all stakeholders requires a set of process skills, tools, and principles that address complex, technical, and often emotionally-charged wind development issues.

The Consensus Building Institute (CBI), the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program, and Raab Associates, Ltd. offer *Facilitating Wind Energy Siting* to state and local government officials, wind developers, and other stakeholders. This three-day workshop focuses on developing the capacity to collaborate effectively on wind development policy, facility siting, and related issues including visual impacts, noise, credible data, local benefits and more.

A mix of presentations, panel discussions and interactive exercises introduces important risk assessment, planning, and decision-making tools and concepts and actively encourages participants to consider how to best utilize them.

COURSE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 23

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

- Effective stakeholder engagement and negotiation
- The engagement problem: stakeholder and community

Thursday, March 24

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Addressing challenges with:

- Visual impacts
- Noise
- Credible facts
- Sharing benefits locally

Friday, March 25

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

- Collaborative wind siting and policy making
- Strategic clinic for participants' cases

Workshop participants will learn about and practice applying collaborative tools including:

- Conflict/situation assessments and process design
- Joint fact finding
- Visual simulation, overlay techniques, and polling
- Citizen engagement techniques and tools — e.g., keypad polling, charettes
- Facilitation/mediation

The Consensus Building Institute (CBI) is a not-for-profit organization created by leading practitioners and theory builders in the fields of negotiation and dispute resolution. CBI works with leaders, advocates, experts, and communities to promote effective negotiations, build consensus, and resolve conflicts. We use proven principles, processes and techniques that improve group decision-making on complex public and organizational issues. Many of these strategies have been developed through the Program on Negotiation and MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program at Harvard Law School, where a number of CBI's staff and Board members are affiliated. CBI was founded by Lawrence Susskind, Professor at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. www.cbibuilding.org

Raab Associates, Ltd. celebrates its 19th year of providing mediation, facilitation, training, and a wide range of consulting services. Raab Associates specialize in the design and facilitation/mediation of energy and environmental multi-stakeholder processes on complex issues. Recent renewable energy related projects include the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), Cape Wind Stakeholder Process, Renewable Portfolio Standards for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the greenhouse gas stakeholder processes for Maine, City of Boston, and Rhode Island (which received US EPA's Outstanding Climate Protection Award). Dr. Raab has also been running the New England Electricity Restructuring Roundtable for 15 years, and teaches the Energy Policy for a Sustainable Future course at MIT.

www.raabassociates.org

>> APPLICATION INFORMATION *This workshop is free for selected participants.*

Participants must apply and if selected, pay their own travel and expenses. The enrollment goal of this pilot workshop is to have a mix of state, local, private sector, and NGO wind energy stakeholders. Seats will be allocated to 50 participants who represent diverse geographic, sector, and issue area interests.

Apply online at:
www.tinyurl.com/cbiwindsiting

Application deadline extended to:
February 11, 2011

Acceptance notification:
February 15, 2011

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