FACILITATING

Wind Energy Siting

Addressing Challenges around Visual Impacts, Noise, Credible Data, and Local Benefits through Creative Stakeholder Engagement

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

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

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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, charrettes
- Facilitation/mediation

**>> 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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