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COMMUNITY CONTINUES SUSTAINABLE REDEVELOPMENT WITH GROUNDBREAKING OF GREENSBURG WIND FARM

Event and Turbine Blade Signing Highlight Green Energy Milestone

GREENSBURG, KANSAS (October 8, 2009) – A groundbreaking celebration and turbine blade signing will mark a major green energy milestone in Greensburg, Kansas, a community rebuilding from an EF5 tornado in May 2007. Jointly announced by John Deere [Renewables](#), *NativeEnergy*, Inc., USDA Rural Development, Kansas Power Pool, and the City of Greensburg, the Greensburg Wind Farm will help the community reach its green energy goals. The project will consist of ten 1.25 MW wind turbines, and will produce enough electricity to power approximately 4,000 homes. The groundbreaking event will be held Friday, October 23, at the project site located just southwest of Greensburg. Operation of the [wind farm](#) is expected in Spring 2010.

[John Deere](#) Renewables is the owner and operator of the Greensburg Wind Farm, which is the company's first wind energy development in Kansas. The project will create jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. John Deere Renewables is contributing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated by the wind farm to the City of Greensburg to help achieve its 100% green energy goal.

"John Deere began developing this project shortly after the tornado struck, and now we are pleased to announce the construction phase. The Greensburg Wind Farm provides a very vivid example of how local leaders, government, and private industry can collaborate to develop renewable energy projects that help sustain America's rural communities and our rural heritage," said Martin Wilkinson, Senior Vice President of John Deere Renewables.

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NativeEnergy, Inc., a leader in climate solutions services, made a unique arrangement to acquire most of the additional Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated by the Greensburg Wind Farm project – all that are not delivered to the City of Greensburg. *NativeEnergy*'s commitment on behalf of its corporate and personal purchasers made the project possible by generating additional revenue that helped the project reach critical financial milestones.

"*NativeEnergy* is proud that its innovative HELP BUILD model spurs this clean energy project forward. It is wonderfully satisfying to work with our community of customers to contribute to the inspiring resurgence of the community of Greensburg, Kansas," said Thomas H. Rawls, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at *NativeEnergy*, Inc.

USDA Rural Development, which is committed to rural infrastructure development, is providing project financing. "This project will not only enhance our country's long-term energy security by producing clean, renewable energy, but also create green jobs and generate income in the local community," said Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "As the Obama Administration continues working to rebuild and revitalize rural America, Greensburg stands out as an example of the promise and potential in communities throughout the country."

Kansas Power Pool, the municipal energy agency of which the City of [Greensburg](#) is a member, will purchase the energy generated by the Greensburg Wind Farm and distribute it to all of its customers, including the City of Greensburg, which will also receive RECs for its consumption.

About John Deere Renewables and John Deere Wind Energy

John Deere Renewables is a business unit of Deere & Company. With our strong rural heritage and financial strength, John Deere Wind Energy provides comprehensive project development services, investment, construction management, wind turbine supply, and long-term operations management for wind energy projects in the U.S. and Canada. Through John Deere Wind Energy, John Deere Renewables assists in the economic growth and sustainability of rural communities. John Deere Wind Energy currently has 36 wind farms in eight states. For more information, visit our website at www.JohnDeere.com/WindEnergy.

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