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Renewable Energy Winds Sweep Across Texas

*The CleanTX Forum discusses Texas' wind-energy leading edge
and what is needed to propel growth as dollars blow in*

AUSTIN, TX Oct. 17-- For the past two years, Texas has been the top US wind producer. Far surpassing California with over 3,300 wind generated megawatts installed--enough power to run 82,500 homes--it is predicted that two-thirds of future US wind-energy generation will happen in the Lone Star State. Texas is already home to three of the world's top-five producing wind farms.

An August report by the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration noted that wind power is the fastest growing renewable energy technology. In 2006, private capital investment into wind energy development projects increased by 45 percent. Anticipating new wind farms in rural West Texas, the Texas Public Utility Commission recently approved the construction of transmission lines that could deliver as much as 25,000 megawatts (6,875,000 homes) of wind energy to major Texas cities by 2012.

Are wind-supporters tilting at windmills? Questions are still gusting on intermittency, scalability, technical and ecological issues, as well as access to wind-produced electricity concerns. As Texas blows past other states in developing wind energy, what new technologies and entrepreneurial opportunities are on the horizon?

On October 24, the CleanTX Forum will upgrade the potential of wind-energy generation to a class IV hurricane. Industry insiders, investors and government supporters will look at the following:

- How did Texas become first in wind generation?
- What is the future of wind in Texas and the U.S.?
- What are the new technology trends in wind produced energy?
- What are the various technological, political and economic factors driving development?
- What can Texas do to continue to be a leader in wind generation and in technology development? What policy changes are needed?

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Event Details

- Date:** Wednesday, October 24, 2007
- Time:** 5:00-6:00 Registration & Networking
6:00-8:30 Panel Discussion
- Location:** The Commons Center
10100 Burnet Road
Austin, TX 78758
Map URL: <http://www.utexas.edu/commons/maps/index.html>
- Moderator** Richard Amato President and CEO, Venti Energy
- Speakers:** Ron Heine Wind Energy Program Manager, TECO Westinghouse
Marty Price Viryd Wind Energy
Susan Sloan American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)
Michelle Warren Deputy Commissioner for Renewable Energy, Texas GLO
Dr. Dan Laird Sandia National Laboratory (invited)
- RSVP:** [RSVP Here](#)
- Cost:** \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door

About the CleanTX Forum

The **CleanTX Forum** provides the networking and environment for professionals interested in learning more about clean technologies and building the Austin cleantech community. Our mission is to promote entrepreneurship in the field of clean technology and renewable energy in Austin, by providing a forum for executives, entrepreneurs, investors and analysts to share real-world experiences, opportunities and challenges in the field. The Austin CleanTX Forum will schedule ad hoc events when cleantech leaders are available to travel to Austin. We will also announce and support workshops and demonstrations of new technologies in the community and will highlight Austin's growing list of cleantech successes.

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