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## Community Wind Energy Update Meeting at WINDPOWER 2008

Are you going to WINDPOWER 2008 in Houston this June? Mark your schedule for...

### **Community Wind Energy Update Meeting**

Monday, June 2nd

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Room 361B in the George R. Brown Convention Center

At the meeting:

- Hear updates on community wind from around the US & the world, and as well as from Windustry's Community Wind Conference, held this past April 14-16, in Albany, NY.
- Join in the dialog as we discuss building a platform for a community wind vision for the US and a planning process for a roadmap.
- This is a networking event; the meeting will have no PowerPoint presentations.
- All interested conference attendees are invited to participate.

Lunch will be served. (This will be the same lunch as on the exhibit floor, but will be available in the meeting room.)

Please let us know if you plan to attend (we want to be sure there is enough food and space for the group).Â Also, let us know if you have any brief updates to announce at the meeting.

### **Send your RSVP to:**

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Find the Community Wind Energy Update Meeting on the WINDPOWER schedule at:

[http://www.windpowerexpo.org/conference\\_schedule.cfm](http://www.windpowerexpo.org/conference_schedule.cfm)

## Fill Your Tank With Wind Energy

Energy generated by the wind is an excellent source of renewable energy, but what happens when it's not windy out? Many researchers are testing ways to store the electricity from wind energy, including a new technology that would use the electrical storage potential in the batteries of today's hybrid and fully electric vehicles. This is commonly called "vehicle-to-grid" or V2G.

Electric and hybrid vehicles would be plugged into the electrical grid when not being driven. The batteries would supply the electrical grid with energy during times of high energy demand. This connection could then be reversed to charge the vehicle's battery for driving during times of high energy production.

Xcel Energy is currently wrapping up a six-month test of a V2G program using six converted Ford Escape Hybrid cars, three of which were used by employees to test the relationship between real world demands for driving and demands by the power grid. How helpful could this technology be? A single, fully electric car battery has the ability to supply the average power demand for as many as 13 homes!

Want to know more? Check out these websites:  
[University of Delaware V2G Research Program](#)  
[Press release on launch of Xcel's V2G test](#)  
[The MAGIC Consortium](#)

### Community Wind Energy 2008 Wrap-Up

Thanks to all those who attended Windustry's national [Community Wind Energy 2008](#) Conference in Albany, New York this past April. The conference was a huge success with attendees and exhibitors from over 36 states, 4 provinces and 5 countries. We worked to advance community wind outside the Midwest through interactive sessions and networking opportunities. An astounding 100% of those who filled out the participant survey found the conference to be a valuable experience!

We want to say thank you once again to all those who attended and shared their ideas. A special thank you goes out to all our [sponsors](#), [exhibitors](#) and [speakers](#) who helped make this a successful event.

Proceedings from the event will be distributed on CD, and are at the duplication shop as you read this. Copies will be mailed free of charge to all participants starting next week. If you did not attend the event, you can still purchase a copy of the proceedings. ([Click here to download an order form from the Windustry website.](#))

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