



## Upcoming Events

**Gail Windpower** is holding an informational wind energy expo at Benzie Central High School on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 6pm. The general public is welcomed to join at any point to learn how landowners, community leaders, and other stakeholders can benefit from investing in wind power. More information can be found at: <http://www.duke-energy.com/gailwind/>

The next **Michigan Renewable Energy Program Wind Working Group** meeting will be on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 12:00 at Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, Hearing Room A. Kerry Duggan, DOE Senior Policy Advisor, will be there and will be discussing the new Michigan-made 2.2 MW wind turbine. The agenda and instructions to call-in can be found at: <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/12484591/MREP%20Agenda.pdf>

**Great Lakes Bay Regional Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Renewable Energy Strategy Public Input Meeting:** Bay, Saginaw, and Midland Counties are collaborating on the development and implementation of a Great Lakes Bay Regional Energy Efficiency, Conservation and Renewable Energy Strategy to conserve and reduce overall energy use, improve the energy efficiency of our buildings and transportation infrastructure. A Public Input Meeting to discuss the strategy will take place on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at SVSU, Curtiss Hall, Emeriti Room from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please visit <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/eacd/> for more information.

The **Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA)** is currently seeking proposals for workshop sessions to be presented at the Annual Michigan Energy Fair, which will take place June 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in Ludington, Michigan. The three-day event will unite people throughout Michigan and the Great Lakes region to learn about energy issues and sustainable living. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend educational workshops, meet vendors offering valuable goods, services, and information, eat local food and hear great live music. For more information about submitting proposals, click here: [http://dl.dropbox.com/u/12484591/GLREA\\_Proposals](http://dl.dropbox.com/u/12484591/GLREA_Proposals)

## Resource and Grant Links

Two condensed solar photovoltaic intensive trainings will be offered through Northwestern Michigan College this winter. The first, Solar Photovoltaic Electric Systems One-Week Intensive training is designed for beginners interested in entering the solar industry. The training will be offered Monday through Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5:15 pm. The other is an advanced Solar Photovoltaic Installation Course offered on the weekends and covers more in-depth solar installation training. The advanced training will be offered Fridays and Saturdays February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 5:15 pm. For more information please visit: <http://www.nmc.edu/resources/extended-education/news/2010/12/solar-pv.html>

Lansing businesses who want to go green can now apply for city loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Mayor Virg Bernero announced the launching of the city's Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, with the goal of lending money to city businesses for energy-efficiency efforts such as wind turbines, solar arrays and heat capture systems. Electrical upgrades, mechanical improvements and better power management for information technology also are possibilities to get the loans. The press release and more information can be found at: [http://edc.cityoflansingmi.com/modules.php?name=Pages&sp\\_id=248](http://edc.cityoflansingmi.com/modules.php?name=Pages&sp_id=248)