

## **2010 Wind Cooperative of the Year Award**

### **Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America Initiative**

The 2010 Wind Cooperative of the Year Award will honor one electric cooperative for its leadership in wind power. All electric cooperatives that are members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) are eligible to apply. Cooperatives can nominate themselves or other systems, and there is no cost to enter. The Wind Cooperative of the Year Award is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America initiative in partnership with the NRECA.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the award. Past winners are Kodiak Electric Association, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Associated Electric Cooperative, Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, Holy Cross Energy, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Great River Energy. The 2010 winner will be recognized at the NRECA [TechAdvantage Conference](#) in Orlando, Florida on March 8 - 11, 2011. Please submit nominations (using page two of this nomination form) to:

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### **Due Date**

All nominations are due by close of business on December 31, 2010.

### **Additional Information**

Entries will be judged in four areas:

- Corporate leadership
- Innovative marketing
- Benefits to customers
- Project creativity.

Page two of this form must be used as the template for all nominations, and responses should not exceed 500 words. Graphics of the project and innovative marketing materials can be submitted as attachments. Nominations exceeding 500 words may be penalized in the judging process.

For additional information, call Randy Manion, Western Area Power Administration, at 720-962-7423 or [manion@wapa.gov](mailto:manion@wapa.gov).

### **Nominator Contact Information**

Name:  
Title:  
Company:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
E-mail:  
Relationship to nominee:

### **Nominee Contact Information**

Name:  
Title:  
Company:  
Address:  
Phone:  
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E-mail:

### **Nominee Communications/Public Relations Contact**

Name:  
Title:  
Phone:  
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Why are you nominating this organization? (In 500 words or fewer, please describe how this electric cooperative has demonstrated corporate leadership with wind power; any innovative marketing or customer education associated with wind power at this cooperative; how customers have benefited from the cooperative's involvement in wind power; and any creative solutions to barriers the cooperative faced in securing wind power. Please include information regarding the year the cooperative started considering wind power and the percentage of contribution wind provides to the cooperative's total power supply.)

Optional additional information (not counted against 500-word limit):

A. Location of wind generation and year installed:

B. Project budget, including a short description of any innovative financing methods:

C. Challenges of the development or purchasing process (e.g., market interruptions, internal hurdles, buying a new technology):