



## Our Vision

Create a booming Indiana renewable energy industry that will generate thousands of jobs, strengthen energy security, revitalize rural communities and improve our environment.

## Realizing the Vision

- Enacting and implementing a 'Renewable Electricity Standard' for Indiana.
- An RES calls for utilities to use their best efforts to purchase an increasing percentage of their electric power needs from renewable energy resources such as strong wind power and farm-based "energy crops." 20 states have adopted.
- By 2009, electricity produced from renewable energy will constitute at least 2% of all electric utilities' sales to Indiana consumers, rising to 10% by 2017.
- Senator Sen. Richard Lugar and Rep. Pete Visclosky endorsed a 10% RES.
- The Indiana Farm Bureau has recently endorsed the "use of renewable electric standards to stimulate the development of renewable energy sources..."

## Indiana's Rich Clean Energy Potential

- Indiana is blessed with vast wind and biomass resources.
  - New research by the U.S. government shows that modern wind technology could produce enough electricity to power all Indiana homes and businesses.
  - Purdue University has determined that crop, forest, and mill residues, could annually generate billions of kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.
- A robust Indiana RES will generate 7-9 billion dollars in investment. Farmers could receive payments from \$4,000-\$9,000/year per turbine installed.

## Our Efforts

- Meetings with Public Officials
  - Testified before the Indiana House Utilities and Energy Committee
  - Regular briefings with state legislators, county commissioners and others.
- Legal and Policy Research
  - Wrote an RES bill that was introduced in the 2006 legislative session.
  - Working to analyze an Indiana RES's impact on jobs, investment, prices.
  - Developing a network of experts who can educate the public on the economic impacts of renewable energy in other states.
- Outreach to Stakeholders
  - Presented, and will continue to present, before economic development, industrial and public health interests on an RES's economic potential.

*About Our Coalition: Our members include White Construction (one of the nation's largest erectors of wind turbine towers), Orion Energy LLC, I-Power, Environmental Law & Policy Center, enXco Inc, Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana, Hoosier Environmental Council, Southeast Neighborhood Development, and Invenergy.*