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**2010 Michigan Wind Energy Conference at Cobo Hall
Focuses on the New Energy Era in Michigan**

Detroit, MI (April 20th and 21st, 2010) – Attendees expected to learn about the opportunities for wind development in Detroit on April 20th and 21st during Michigan’s wind energy conference. The 2010 Michigan Wind Energy Conference promises to deliver an all-star cast of keynote speakers representing the wind energy developers, Michigan utilities, wind turbine construction companies, financing and more. The Conference is being hosted by the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association and has been developed in coordination with the U.S. Department of Energy, Michigan’s Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan State University Land Policy Institute and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

“Passage of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard in Michigan has opened doors to for the wind energy industry to partner with local Michigan businesses and utilities. This conference will focus on the needs from Michigan’s workforce, businesses and land owners to make Michigan a leading state for Wind,” said Bruce Rasher, GLREA Board member and representative of CBRE.

David Mengebier, Senior Vice-President of Consumers Energy stated, “In the next few years, wind energy will play a growing role in serving the power needs of our 1.8 million electric customers. Consumers Energy plans to invest \$1.3 billion to build 450 megawatts of wind capacity. This conference provides an excellent opportunity for us to discuss our commitment to wind energy and its role and its role in the state’s wind energy future.”

“The Michigan Wind Energy Conference is a great opportunity for RES Americas to highlight to the state our on-shore development and construction needs as well as our experience in European Off-shore projects,” commented Brad Lila, Development Manager of RES Americas.

The two-day conference also provides seven separate “breakout sessions” each one focusing on a different topics including wind energy manufacturing and jobs, commercial wind development, off-shore development, siting issues and community wind energy development.

The 2010 Michigan Wind Energy Conference Sponsors include: NextEra Energies, Consumers Energy, DTE Energy, ITC, Bauer Power, RES America’s, The International Union of Operating Engineers, Power Technology Institute, BHE Environmental, EnXco and Barton Malow.

In 2009, Over 30 sponsors and 1500 attendees attended the conference to learn about moving Wind Energy forward in Michigan.

Information regarding the conference, including registration, sponsorship and exhibition booths, can be found by visiting GLREA’s website at www.glrea.org GLREA staff can be contacted at 517-646-6269 and will be available to answer any additional questions.

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