

Monthly CREW Update: March 2009

1. We are continuing to work hard with our Founding Members (Mitsubishi, RES, Siemens, Vestas, WindLogics, and Woodward) to finalize our CREW center documents (by-laws and agreement). Florence Bocquet has been doing a great job working with our various Contracts and Grants Offices to revise the documents in response to comments from our Founding Members. Half of the Founding Members are now essentially ready to sign the documents, and are awaiting the finalized documents as we continue to work with the other Founding Members to resolve any remaining issues on the documents. We really hope that by the next CREW update, we will be able to announce that our CREW Center documents have been finalized. ;-)

2. Once our CREW documents are finalized, we will be setting a date for a one-day CREW symposium, where we will invite many companies to attend, in the hopes of recruiting them to become Members of CREW. We hope there will be strong CREW faculty/researcher participation at this 1-day CREW symposium. If we are able to finalize our CREW documents by mid-April, we will plan for the 1-day CREW symposium sometime May 8-15. If it takes longer to finalize the CREW documents, because of various travel and other commitments among the project management team of CREW over the summer, we will likely then hold the 1-day CREW symposium in August. We will announce the date of our 1-day CREW symposium in the next (April) CREW update.

3. Our full NSF CREW IGERT proposal, which was submitted in October 2008, is still pending. In the meantime, Katie Johnson of CSM is serving as PI in the new round of competition, and our new IGERT pre-proposal was submitted on March 13, 2009.

4. Another funding opportunity:

US Department of Energy
National Energy Technology Laboratory
University Turbine Systems Research Program
Closing Date is April 15, 2009
More information is available at:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=46034>

5. Dr. Carsten Westergaard of Vestas will be heading up their new Houston research center, and their plans are to hire 100 researchers. They are primarily looking for people with PhDs or those with MS degrees and 3 years of experience. Not all jobs are posted yet, but those interested can regularly check the following website for more information:

<http://www.vestas.com/en/jobs/job-openings.aspx>

Feel free to pass this on to potentially interested students or postdocs.

Interested parties may submit a resume to [windrdjobs@vestas.com](mailto:windrjobs@vestas.com), or fax a resume to 832-325-3100.