

Monthly CREW Update: May 2009

- 1.** Florence Bocquet, our CREW managing director, attended the 2009 WindPower Conference and Exhibition in Chicago during May 4-7. There were over 23,000 attendees at WindPower this year, and Florence talked about CREW with representatives from over 50 companies, and she is busy now following up with many of them. We hope a number of these companies will ultimately join CREW.
- 2.** As mentioned in the last monthly update, our inaugural CREW symposium is planned for August 14 at the UMC (University Memorial Center) on the CU-Boulder campus. Our Founding Members will be there to help us further recruit members, and we will have a discussion with companies on areas of interest for Shared Research (which will be funded by membership dues). Florence handed out invitations to this 1-day CREW symposium at WindPower earlier this month, and she's following up with companies so that we will hopefully have at least 20 companies attending our inaugural symposium. Attached again is a tentative agenda. If you have comments or suggestions, please let us know. We will be sending out more information about our inaugural symposium in the next two months.
- 3.** Our CREW center documents are essentially finalized. The documents are being circulated first among our four CREW institutions (CU, CSM, CSU, NREL) for signatures. We will then circulate it among our six inner-circle Founding Members (Mitsubishi, RES, Siemens, Vestas, WindLogics, and Woodward) for signatures. We are working hard to obtain the initial membership dues over the next month so that we can officially launch our CREW center on July 1. Any companies officially joining the center (signing documents and paying membership dues by that date) will be recognized as Founding Members of CREW. Companies can of course continue to join as regular Members after our launch date as well.
- 4.** Vestas has announced their "Winnovation Challenge" for Master of Engineering and Master of Business students all over the world. Go to <http://www.vestas.com/winnovation> for more information on the launch of the competition. Full competition criteria and details will be available on the Winnovation website starting July 1, 2009.
- 5.** There has been a frenzy of activity among many in CREW with a number of calls for proposals from DOE, NSF, NIST, and other agencies, most of these as a result of federal stimulus package funds. Good luck to all in these pre-proposals and proposals!