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## Wisconsin Wind Works Receives \$25,000 Grant

New North partnership accepts funds for industry worker training

NEW NORTH, June 18, 2009 – Wisconsin Wind Works, a regional partnership through the New North, has received a \$25,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to help train workers for the wind energy industry.

“Wind energy is one of the targeted industry clusters of the New North, and we’ve had a great deal of success in establishing Northeast Wisconsin as the go-to location for wind component manufacturers and suppliers,” said Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of the New North, Inc. “This industry has a lot of potential for further growth in the New North, and this training grant will go a long way towards ensuring our workforce is well-prepared to capitalize on that growth.

Wisconsin Wind Works is a consortium of manufacturers representing the wind manufacturing supply chain within Wisconsin. The group has created a Supply Chain Directory for the industry, providing detailed information on 250 companies in the state that can provide a number of services to the wind energy industry.

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board was awarded the grant for the Wind Works initiative.

For more information on the wind industry in the New North, please visit <http://www.thenewnorth.com/thenewnorth/home/wind+energy.asp>.

To view the Wisconsin Wind Works Supply Chain Directory, please visit [http://myowndirectory.thenewnorth.com/category\\_search.aspx?key=97](http://myowndirectory.thenewnorth.com/category_search.aspx?key=97).

New North, Inc. is a regional collaboration effort focused on promoting regional cooperation and economic development in an 18-county region in Northeast Wisconsin. The 18 counties included in the New North are Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Waupaca, Brown, Shawano, Oconto, Marinette, Door, Kewaunee, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Florence, Menominee, and Waushara. To find out more information about New North, Inc., please visit our website at [www.thenewnorth.com](http://www.thenewnorth.com).

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