

Kansans Remark on Renewable Energy Survey

“The state’s renewable energy policy has helped foster new business and jobs in Kansas. The Heartland has benefited from these smart investments.” Jim Heeter, President and Chief Executive Officer, **Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**

“It is encouraging to see Kansans embrace the production of renewable energy sources. Wind energy is one more product that we can create in Kansas and export to other areas. In the ever-changing and expanding global energy marketplace, Kansas is benefitting by having found its niche in the production of wind energy.” Lona DuVall President, **Finney County Economic Development Corporation**

“These results suggest to me that Kansas residents recognize the important economic impact that the wind industry brings to the region. In Hutchinson, we are extremely fortunate to be the home of one of the state’s most important wind energy manufacturers. Policies such as the Renewable Portfolio Standard support companies that currently provide jobs in Kansas, and it keeps Kansas competitive when recruiting new employers and investment to the region.” Jason Ball, President/CEO **Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce**

“In addition to wheat and cattle, I want Kansas to become known as the Renewable State.” **Governor Sam Brownback**, Topeka Capital Journal *Brownback calls for renewal of wind tax credit* 6/4/12

“Kansans have a proud history of meeting the needs of the world. We export wheat to feed the hungry and machines that can fly to make the world a smaller place. The time has come for us to export clean, reliable and affordable wind energy to the nation.” **Governor Sam Brownback**, Wichita Eagle editorial 9/11/11

"Wind energy is an important ingredient in the economic development of rural counties. Kingman County has directly benefitted from the jobs and investment resulting from homegrown energy development. Our Kansas legislators need to keep the current smart energy policies in place so this homegrown development can continue to benefit rural Kansas." Carol Voran, **Kingman County Commission Chair**

“Ford County has benefitted tremendously from our smart energy policy including the addition of four wind farms and new transmission line projects. I strongly encourage our legislators to continue supporting the positive legislation that brings wind energy developments to our state.” Joann Knight, Executive Director of the **Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation**

“Wind generated electricity is providing Kansans with long term rate stability and conserving fossil fuels for future generations. Now, with advancing technology driving costs even lower, it’s a clear-cut bargain for today's consumers. We should not only keep the Renewable Energy Policy, we should consider expanding it. The opponents are not using defensible numbers.” Dave Kerr, **Former Kansas Senate President**

“These poll results illustrate that regardless of party affiliation, Kansans want to see our state develop renewable energy resources to provide jobs, rural economic growth, and lower electric rates.” Mark Richardson, **Kansas Landowner**

“Renewable energy represents a common-sense approach to our future energy needs. Wind and solar power resources derive their energy from fuel that is delivered on-site, every day at no cost to anyone. There is no other resource that can claim the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy.” Pete Ferrell, **Kansas Rancher**

“More than two-thirds of Kansans support Governor Brownback’s renewable energy policy. Even more, 76% want more of their electricity to be generated by wind. Such strong support should encourage the Kansas Legislature to maintain the current policy on renewable energy. After the creation of 12,000 jobs in this industry, this is no time to turn back to old, outdated policy.” Karin Brownlee, **Kansans for Wind Energy**

"It is no surprise that Kansans favor renewable energy so strongly. Their clean energy support reflects a longtime Kansan ethic of stewardship and common sense. Generating and using renewable energy in Kansas means increased jobs and

industry, more revenue for rural communities, more independence from the costs of fossil fuels, and a better place for our children." Zack Pistora, Legislative Director, **Sierra Club – Kansas Chapter**

"Kansas is blessed with some of the most valuable wind energy resources in America. Harvesting that resource continues to help grow the state's economy while benefiting landowners, taxpayers, and electricity consumers. This research polling the sentiments of Kansas voters clearly demonstrates that the people of Kansas are firmly in support of wind energy development. Kansans understand the value of wind energy and appreciate the incredible opportunities it offers. Hopefully, lawmakers will hear the voice of the people and move forward in growing the wind energy economy in Kansas". Jeff Clark, Executive Director, **The Wind Coalition**

"Historically Kansas has displayed stout support for renewable energy projects and investment, enacting such strong initiatives as the Renewable Portfolio Standard and various other statewide policies. Infinity has invested heavily in the Kansas because of its leadership. It is reassuring to see Kansans' support has not wavered. Since these signals are so important when making future investment decisions, we expect to continue that investment in the Kansas economy in the years to come." Matt Riley, Chief Executive Officer, **Infinity Wind**

"TradeWind Energy based its business in Kansas 10-years ago primarily for the simple fact that Kansas is one of the windiest places in the U.S. which translates in to very cheap, inexhaustible electricity for consumers. Since starting the company we have invested over \$1 billion in Kansas wind projects. The results of this poll underscore what we have found in Kansas for a decade – the people want renewable energy development in this state." Rob Freeman, Chief Executive Officer, **TradeWind Energy**

"This new poll leaves no doubt that Kansans overwhelmingly support renewable energy like wind and solar. A wide majority, 75 to 16 percent support, the renewable portfolio standard and in fact, two thirds of Kansas voters say we should raise the RPS to 25%. Nearly all agree that using renewable energy has both societal and economic benefits. I hope our Kansas legislators listen to their constituents." Dorothy Barnett, Executive Director, **Climate + Energy Project**

"Local chambers of commerce across the country are recognizing the economic development opportunities presented by renewable energy and energy efficiency. We're delighted to support our local chamber colleagues working in Kansas to seize the opportunity to build stronger businesses and communities through innovative energy initiatives." Diane Doucette, Executive Director, **Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy**