

GOVERNOR'S ENERGY EDUCATION RECOGNITION

Cloud County Community College, Concordia

In February 2004, Cloud County Community College -- in partnership with Manhattan Area Technical College -- submitted a proposal to the Kansas Board of Regents for a new program in Wind Power Technology. This proposal was approved.

After Dr. Richard Underbakke assumed the Presidency in December 2005, the original program proposal was updated to reflect new standards for expertise in graduates seeking employment.

Representatives from Cloud County Community College have attended the Kansas Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency conference in past years.

On October 31, 2006, Cloud County Community College -- in cooperation with the Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Farmers Union, The Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Energy Office, Kansas Board of Regents and Wind Powering America -- sponsored a Community Wind Workshop on campus attended by approximately 150 people.

The conference was also broadcasted to five remote sites using Kan-ed TV. Speakers and panel members came from Minnesota, Iowa, utility companies and the Kansas Energy Office.

In November of 2006, the College Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Bruce Graham to the position of Instructor in Wind Energy. Bruce taught an evening class during the Spring 2007 semester and completed an internship at the Spearville Wind Energy Facility this past summer.