

GOVERNOR'S ENERGY EDUCATION RECOGNITION

Kansas Rural Center

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that seeks wide-spread prosperity across rural Kansas. KRC is interested in policies that make community owned wind structures possible and profitable for individuals, farmers associations, municipal utilities and electrical cooperatives.

In 2005, the Rural Center helped sponsor, organized, and lead a joint visit of members of the Governor's Rural Life Task Force and the Kansas Energy Council to southwestern Minnesota. The purpose of the visit was to visit local officials and wind advocates how the state has become the leaders in the development of community wind facilities.

In 2006, partnering with the Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Farmers Union, Cloud County Community College and the Kansas Energy Office, the Rural Center helped organized and co-sponsored a Community Wind Conference in Concordia.

KRC now facilitates a new Wind for Schools program, in cooperation with Kansas State University and the Kansas Energy Office, under the auspices of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado.

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