

## COLUMBIA GORGE BI-STATE RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE

### 2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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The Columbia Gorge Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone (CGBREZ) was created to develop the Columbia Gorge region as a world-class center of renewable energy research, development, manufacturing and application of technologies. Spanning the Oregon and Washington border, CGBREZ now incorporates a six county geographical region. CGBREZ was able to accomplish the following in 2010:

- Hosted educational meetings, featuring:
  - David Looper, Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership, "*Northwest Supply Chain and Sustainability Initiative.*" OMEP has a grant to provide technical and business consulting services to help manufacturers enter renewable energy supply chain.
  - Jennifer Kaden, Columbia River Gorge Commission, "*Small Scale Wind Energy in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.*" Jennifer presented a fact sheet for small wind in the NSA.
  - Chad Freeman, Oregon Business Development Department, "*Northwest Connector.*" The Connector is a business-to-business search engine.
  - Dan Spatz, Columbia Gorge Community College, Tour of the College's campus and Renewable Energy Training facilities.
  - Forum for small wind companies.
- Hosted a Legislative Summit to develop an understanding of the resources currently available for renewable energy development in the Gorge, provide an overview of the zone, report on activities advancing the cluster, discuss regional innovation cluster potential, and promote the region.
- Updated County Inventories to reflect available industrial properties.
- Participated in the American Wind Energy Association WindPower Conference in Dallas, TX. Made over 70 new business contacts.
- Marketed the region at the AWEA Small Wind Conference in Portland, OR.
- Conducted Business Outreach activities with companies seeking to locate manufacturing or research and development facilities in the Columbia Gorge region, including small wind and solar companies.
- Facilitated the exchange of information through regional monthly update and networking sessions. Maintained an email contact list to distribute renewable energy related items and support county-to-county information exchange. For example, sharing the Hood River County Biomass study.
- Expanded geographical region of the Zone, incorporating Gilliam County.
- Updated marketing materials to reflect additional county participation.
- Recognized for regional coordination work through an Award of Excellence from the Special Districts Association of Oregon.

