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E&U Agreement Will Make Harvard the Largest Institutional Buyer of Wind Power in New England

Engineering and Utilities (E&U) has signed a long-term agreement with First Wind, a Massachusetts based renewable energy company, to buy 10% of the power consumed on the Cambridge and Allston campuses from a wind farm in northern Maine. According to the EPA, this agreement will make Harvard the largest purchaser of wind energy by a college or university in New England!

One of E&U's roles is to purchase electricity for the University—annually that amounts to approximately 247,000,000 kWh. Under the agreement, E&U will buy 50% of the power generated by the soon-to-be-built Stetson Wind II facility near Danforth, ME as well as the associated Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). First Wind will begin construction of the facility immediately and it's expected to start generating clean, renewable power by mid-2010.

"The 15-year agreement enables the development of this clean energy resource and the subsequent lowering of the greenhouse gas intensity of the New England electric grid," said E&U Manager of Energy Supply & Utility Administration Mary Smith. Electricity from Stetson Wind II will be generated by 17 General Electric, 1.5 MW turbines. This project follows Stetson Wind I, a 38-turbine, 57 MW-facility that went on-line in January.

"Universities play an essential role in confronting the global challenges presented by climate change and sustainability," added Harvard President Drew Faust. "The research being undertaken at Harvard will have worldwide influence, but the Harvard community is also committed to searching for ways to reduce its environmental impact through changes in individual and institutional behavior, like purchasing wind power and other renewable energy, and the use of innovative technologies."

Congratulations to Engineering and Utilities for taking a leadership role in helping the University reduce its environmental impact!



EH&S Set to Welcome New Director

A changing of the guard is underway within Environmental Health & Safety. Maureen Kotlas from the University of Maryland will become EH&S Director when current Director Joe Griffin steps down at the end of the year. "We will miss Joe's deep commitment to the University and his broad experience in the field," said Acting Vice President for Administration Tom Vautin. "Filling his shoes will not be easy."

Joe has been leading EH&S for 12 years. Earlier this year, he decided to accept the University's voluntary early retirement package and is now looking forward to the next chapter in his life. "This isn't really retirement for me, just a change in gears," said Joe. "I will definitely be doing more traveling and plan to work on a part-time basis. I'm not ready to gear down just yet, so the early retirement program offered an opportunity for a lifestyle change. Maureen will be a great addition to the UOS senior management team and a wonderful leader for EH&S. I look forward to working with her in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition."

Maureen has been EH&S Director at the University of Maryland since 2004. She also served as director, and in several other EH&S positions, at Stony Brook University. "She is a recognized leader in the EH&S field and experienced in the extensive scope of safety and compliance management programs required of a top-tier research university," added Tom.

Maureen begins work at Harvard in mid-November. Welcome her and wish Joe the best of luck.

UOS Employees Sign Up to Cleanup!

Dozens of UOS employees and Harvard graduate students donated their time and elbow grease Saturday, October 24 to spruce up the Cambridge Community Center Inc. (CCC) - an organization providing safe and structured after school and summer programs for local youths. Thanks to those who participated, the center now has a clean basement and attic, 5 newly painted rooms, 1 freshly painted hallway, a yard free of leaves and debris, and a much larger seasonal mural on the staircase thanks to some artistic graduate students.

The UOS Diversity Council has been working closely with the CCC to organize these types of benefits. This event was part of Harvard's larger Public Service Week campaign which highlighted school and department efforts to serve the community. This however was not the first time UOS teamed up with the CCC. You will remember September's Back-to-School drive in which employees donated backpacks loaded with supplies so the kids were well prepared for the first day of classes. **Turn to page 3 for more pictures from the Cambridge Community Center Clean-up Day!**



(l-r) Associate Manager of Recycling Services Rob Gogan, student Tout Wang, and Associate Director of Parking Services Jim Sarafin pitch in at the CCC

Strong Winds Now Generating Electricity for the Soldiers Field Park Garage

If you travel near the Soldiers Field Park Garage, you've undoubtedly seen the massive twin wind turbines spinning on top of the facility. The clean energy project was a joint effort between Transportation Services and Harvard Real Estate Services (HRES).

Unlike stationary types, the Soldiers Field Park turbines rotate 360-degrees to hunt for the strongest wind currents. The blades each measure 11.5 feet long for a total rotor diameter of 23-feet—they sit atop 40 foot poles that are anchored to the seven story garage.

The turbines are expected to generate about 5-10% of the garage's yearly electricity requirements.



(Clockwise from the top) The twin turbines hunt for wind high atop the Soldiers Field Park Garage. The robust support structure embedded deep within the garage. Workers prepare to raise one of the turbines

You've Got Questions & Suggestions, We've Got Answers!

You may have noticed the suggestion/question boxes placed in various locations by the UOS Diversity Council. Here are the most recent suggestions.

- 1) *Can we get hand soap dispensers for all of the kitchen sinks, including the main kitchen? It seems wise with the swine flu precautions for washing hands before preparing food.*
- 2) *Can we get Food-Safety approved dish cleaning/washing materials for the communal kitchen sinks? A sponge harbors bacteria. There used to be a wire pad.*

These suggestions have been forwarded to the appropriate departments.

Keep your questions and suggestions coming! Boxes can be found at: Blackstone South rear stairs, Blackstone North 1st floor main lobby, 155 North Harvard Street break room.

You can also send your suggestions/questions via inter-office mail to: UOS Diversity Council, 46 Blackstone Street, South Building.



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More photos from the Cambridge Community Center Clean-up Day



Manny Mejias of EH&S washes up after hours of painting



Jim McHugh and Gordon Reynolds of EH&S discuss their "clean up" strategy



Harvard graduate students fuel up on coffee and snacks before getting to work



Harvard graduate students apply a fresh coat of paint to the CCC

Great Turnout for the Annual Walk to Work Breakfast

More than 100 people gathered behind the Malkin Athletic Center (MAC) early on the morning of October 21st for the annual Walk to Work Breakfast. Organized by *CommuterChoice*, the event encourages people to walk to work instead of driving. Even those who take the subway or bus were urged to get off one stop early and walk the rest of the way. Most kicked off their walk with a quick breakfast of coffee, juice, and snacks. Check out the photos below.



Thanks to all who participated!

Harvard-UOS Blood Drive



THURSDAY, November 12, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

10 Akron Street, West Common Room, 1st Floor

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Red Cross Bus at the MAC- Mill Street

SIGN UP TODAY!

Please contact 1-800-GIVELIFE or
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**All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a Baby Blossom
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