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**Donated wind turbine to improve energy efficiency  
at Governor's residence**

Oklahoma City – In an effort to improve energy efficiency and save money, the Department of Central Services will soon install a donated 10 kW wind turbine on the governor's mansion grounds, making Oklahoma the first state to partially power its governor's residence by wind power.

Bergey Windpower Company of Norman and owner Michael Bergey are donating the turbine to the state and providing installation and maintenance free of charge. The Oklahoma company has been in business for over thirty years and has installed wind turbines across the United States and in countries around the world.

"I want to thank Bergey Windpower and Michael Bergey for their very generous donation," said Gov. Henry. "The gift to the state will pay dividends for many years to come in terms of cost savings and environmental efficiencies."

The turbine, which will be located on the southeast corner of the grounds, will produce clean, emissions-free power and generate approximately 13,149 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per year. The technology enables individuals to generate their own power and cut their energy bills while helping to protect the environment.

The donated wind turbine is part of a larger, ongoing effort to reduce state costs by "greening" government buildings and making them more energy efficient, according to John Richard, Director of the Department of Central Services.

"Our overriding goal in all of our 'greening' projects is to save the state money and make it more environmentally friendly in the process," said Richard. "It is also exciting to showcase Oklahoma environmental technologies in these efforts."

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The Department of Central Services is responsible for the care and maintenance of the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol Building and 17 other state buildings in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. Other DCS green projects completed or in progress for the state buildings include the installation of low-flow urinals and toilets which will annually save 1.1 million gallons of water; replacement of T-12 fluorescent light tubes with efficient T-8 tubes; and a de-lamping project that removed unnecessary lighting in common areas. The Department is also renovating the DHS building located at 50 N.E. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. in Oklahoma City that will feature a state of the art Building Management System (BMS), geothermal heating/cooling system, new lighting with light harvesting capabilities, a 10 kWh wind turbine, highly-reflective roofing, photo-voltaic (PV) solar panels and upgraded windows and insulation to ensure an Energy Star-worthy building envelope. A similar, planned renovation of the DCS, Fleet Management fuel station, which services state vehicles, also includes expanded alternative fuels infrastructure in addition to the energy efficiency building upgrades. The department has also initiated an energy awareness campaign designed to further decrease energy use in State buildings through the education/training of state employees in energy-related matters.

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