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WindPole Creates Iowa Wind Power Forecasting Consortium

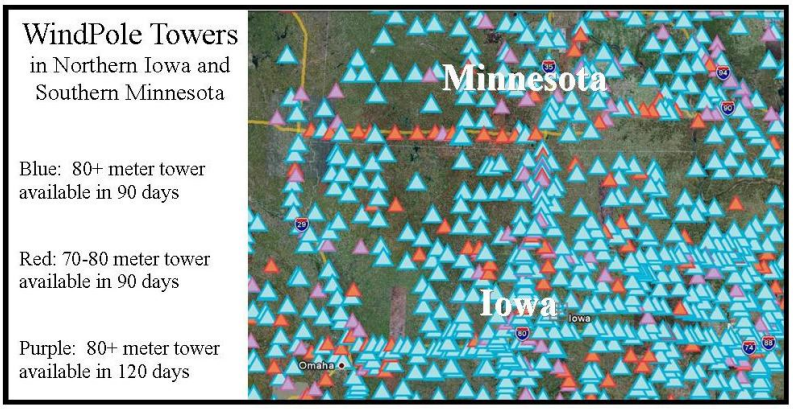
Boston, MA – WindPole Ventures which provides hub-height wind resource data to wind farm developers and operators, is building a wind power forecasting consortium in Iowa. Their first customer, Midwest ISO, along with other customers, will receive real-time, wind resource updates every five minutes, with one minute resolution.

"Nationally, grid operators are expected to ultimately require registered wind farm operators to provide five minute wind generation forecasts. This will advance wind generation as a dispatchable, intermittent resource, but could also pose a challenge to those without the necessary data," explains Steve Kropper, CEO and Co-founder of WindPole Ventures. *"Our robust data increases the predictability of wind power and gives wind farm operators a competitive advantage for avoiding curtailment and penalties."*

WindPole instruments towers with speed, direction, temperature and pressure sensors. Speed sensors mount on redundant 6 meter booms at 40, 60 and 80 meters (higher at some locations). Instrumentation, booms, component specifications and siting are guided by Annex G of IEC 61400-12-1. By following this common data standard, the meteorological data may be an unimpeachable source of settlement data.

Members of the consortium will receive equal access to the data stream at a significantly lower cost than installing their own 80 meter towers. In consultation with consortium members, WindPole will instrument towers from its substantial, regional tower portfolio in and around the Midwest ISO's Renewable Energy Zones.

WindPole's clients include top wind farm operators and developers.

About WindPole Ventures, LLC
Boston, MA based WindPole compiles better real-time, hub height meteorological data for wind developers and operators. Collaboration with local tower owners gives WindPole a national portfolio of over 12,000 very tall towers.

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