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**Over 50 Local Governments Discuss
Wind Turbine Zoning Standards with Sourcing Office**

Cleveland, OH (September 24, 2010) – Over 90 people representing approximately 50 different organizations (mostly municipalities) met this past Wednesday at the City of Strongsville Recreation Center to discuss wind turbine zoning standards and learn about the recently procured Sourcing Office Renewable Energy Program.

“Sourcing Office exists as a resource for public sector entities and we were pleased to be able to host such an informational event on such a timely topic,” stated Bruce L. Tague, Sourcing Office Executive Director. Tague added, “Based upon this turnout, wind turbine projects are clearly on the mind of our municipal participants. I expect that voters would be pleased to see their elected officials exploring these money-saving solutions in a thoughtful and diligent manner.”

The topic of wind turbine zoning standards has recently picked up as several Northeast Ohio communities have adopted legislation in the past two years with many others considering in what ways they will approach the zoning for wind power generators (ex: wind turbines.) A few communities that have passed legislation include; City of Avon, City of Cleveland, City of Lakewood, and Olmsted Township.

“Sourcing Office launched our renewable energy program several months ago and we are already seeing significant interest in these solutions,” stated Bob Aber, Sourcing Office Renewable Energy Program Manager. Aber added, “Average estimated savings to date for a

Sourcing Office Participant is 10-20% below their current electricity costs in year one. The current economic conditions, along with available state and federal incentives and Sourcing Office's sustainable financing solution, make wind power a legitimate cost saving tool for municipalities, school districts, libraries, higher education, and other public sector institutions in Ohio."

Specific topics discussed at the Sourcing Office forum, included; turbine height, setback distances, pole design, unit color, artificial lighting of the unit, wildlife concerns, and removal of the turbine at the conclusion of its' useful life. Municipal leaders actively engaged in dialogue with industry experts during the 90-minute forum.

Sourcing Office made sample legislation documents and other wind turbine zoning resources available to all attendees. Additionally, Sourcing Office will forward these materials to any other interested organizations. Interested organizations should contact Sourcing Office at 216.581.6200, info@sourcingoffice.org, or online at www.sourcingoffice.org.

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