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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – (January 10, 2012) - National Renewable Solutions, LLC (NRS) confirmed today that Dakota Wind Energy, Norfolk Wind Energy, and Little Rock Wind each received notice of approval of \$50,000 technical feasibility grants from the Rural Development division of the USDA. These grants will be used for feasibility study work on project wind assessment, transmission interconnection and environmental assessment. The grants require matching funds and will result in completion of a third party feasibility report for each of the projects.

Dakota Wind Energy is located in Roberts, Marshall and Day Counties in Northeast South Dakota. The project company was formed in January 2008 with the goal of building 450 MW of wind generation capacity. Dakota Wind has over 50,000 acres leased representing 110 landowners.

Little Rock Wind is located in Big Stone County in Western Minnesota and plans to develop a 50-200 MW wind farm through various phases. Little Rock was formed in May of 2008 and has since also acquired the assets of Big Stone Wind, LLC, an adjacent 20MW development-stage project. As of January 2011, approximately 11,000 acres have been leased within the project site. Little Rock has plans to add an additional 6,000-8,000 acres of leased land in the near future.

Norfolk Wind Energy is a 40-150 MW project based out of Renville County, Minnesota. To date, the project has leased over 9,000 acres and will pursue an additional 8,000-10,000 acres during an expansion effort to begin soon.

National Renewable Solutions, LLC, is the project developer/manager for each of these project companies. Based out of Minneapolis, NRS focuses on the "Local ownership model" for each of their ongoing and future wind development projects, and currently manages four other wind development projects in Texas, New Mexico, Montana and Maryland.

Patrick Pelstring, President of NRS said, "We are very pleased with the USDA decision to support these projects with feasibility study funding. This decision by the USDA Rural Development continues their active assistance to promote local ownership and development of wind projects."

NRS expects the feasibility studies will be completed within a span of the next 12-18 months, and hopes to have various phases of these projects ready for construction in the next 24-36 months.

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National Renewable Solutions, LLC (NRS): National Renewable Solutions, LLC is a national leader in developing community wind energy projects. NRS forms community wind energy partnerships with property owners, and in many cases, public and private institutions. Patrick Pelstring is cofounder of National Wind and a former owner and board member. During his tenure at the company, National Wind completed development of nearly 300MWs of projects using the community ownership model. NRS currently has approximately 1,500 MWs in development around the country. **Contact: Patrick Pelstring at 952-473-7500 www.natrs.com**

Dakota Wind Energy, LLC (Dakota Wind): Dakota Wind Energy, LLC is a community wind project company seeking to install 450 MW's of energy within the Northeastern portion of South Dakota. Dakota Wind's manager is National Renewable Solutions, LLC out of Minneapolis MN and has a local Advisory Board consisting of nine community members. **Contact: Gerry Fischer, Advisory Board Member at 651-503-7421 www.dakotawindenergy.com**

Little Rock Wind, LLC (Little Rock): Little Rock Wind, LLC is a community wind project company seeking to install 50-200 MW's of energy within Big Stone County, Minnesota. Little Rock's manager is National Renewable Solutions, LLC out of Minneapolis MN and has a local Advisory Board consisting of eight community members. **Contact: Paul Strong, Advisory Board Member at 320-808-6665 www.littlerockwind.com**

Norfolk Wind Energy, LLC (Norfolk): Norfolk Wind Energy, LLC is a community wind project company seeking to install 40-150 MW's of energy within Renville County, Minnesota. Norfolk's manager is National Renewable Solutions, LLC out of Minneapolis MN and has a local Advisory Board consisting of seven members. **Contact: David Scheibel, Board of Governors at 320-579-0442 www.norfolkwindenergy.com**