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Indiana lures wind energy startup, 260 jobs

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Indiana has lured a green startup from California that says it has the technology to capture wind energy in urban settings.

WindStream Technologies Inc. will put a new development and production facility in the southern Indiana city of New Albany, creating more than 260 new jobs by 2012.

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The company, located in Manhattan Beach, Calif., manufactures small-scale wind turbines called TurboMills for the "micro wind" power market.

WindStream plans to invest several million dollars to establish operations at the Purdue Technology Center in the Purdue Research Park of Southeast Indiana.

"We are very excited about the opportunity of locating our operations in New Albany and the support that Indiana has pledged to the company. It was clear from our first discussions that Indiana is looking to become a leader in the green economy and WindStream is proud to be a part of that positive effort," said Dan Bates, president and chief executive officer of WindStream, in a news release from the Indiana Economic Development Corp.

WindStream's TurboMills are designed to capture wind energy in urban settings. The devices are engineered to be an efficient, low-cost option used to supplement a customer's energy needs, reducing electricity cost and carbon footprint.

WindStream Technologies is the second company to move from another state into the Purdue Research Park of Southeast Indiana, according to Joseph B. Hornett, senior vice president, treasurer and chief operating officer of the Purdue Research Foundation.

The Indiana Economic Development Corp., a 12-member board headed by the governor, offered WindStream Technologies up to \$1.5 million in performance-based tax credits and up to \$84,500 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans.

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