

**THOMAS C. LEPPERT
MAYOR**



MAYOR WELCOMES WIND ENERGY CONVENTION Will Sign Giant Turbine Blade

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On Sunday, May 23rd, Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert will welcome the American Wind Energy Association's convention by signing a 131-foot wind turbine blade outside the Dallas Convention Center. The WINDPOWER 2010 Conference and Exhibition is one of the largest conventions Dallas has hosted in years, filling almost all of the usable floor space at the Dallas Convention Center. The convention - held May 23 to 26 - is bringing 23,000 people from around the world to Dallas. The DCVB says almost every hotel for miles is full.

Mayor Leppert, a strong supporter of clean energy, has proclaimed May 23-29 Wind Works Week in Dallas.

"Dallas is host to a growing number of companies that are involved in the wind business," said Mayor Leppert. "Texas is #1 in wind power production in the country with wind farms that are the world's largest. Our state is also host to new manufacturing facilities that make wind turbine components. Thanks to this new industry we are creating jobs, creating business opportunities, and powering our economy with a clean and inexhaustible source of energy. Wind works!"

The Mayor will join GE Executives and wind industry leaders in signing the wind turbine blade. It been on a 28-day "Capture the Wind" tour from Aberdeen, South Dakota to Dallas, and has served as a traveling petition that thousands of people have signed to show their support for America's clean energy future

Who: **Mayor Tom Leppert**
Denise Bode, CEO, *American Wind Energy Association*
Vic Abate, Vice President for Renewables, *GE Energy*

When: Sunday, May 23, 2010
10:30 AM

Where: Dallas Convention Center
650 S Griffin Street
Dallas, Texas
Outside on Ceremonial Drive, near the bus drop-off area across
from the Ground Level exhibit hall

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