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## **WIRE MEETS ITS GOAL AND PUBLISHES RFP**

WIRE (Windham Initiative for Renewable Energy) is proud to announce it has achieved its fundraising goal of more than \$50,000 and has submitted its Request For Proposal to local Renewable Energy vendors.

The fundraising goal was helped by a donor who offered to match any contribution made to WIRE up to a \$20,000 maximum as well as the fundraising efforts of the Windham Endowment for Community Advancement.

The anonymous donor made this offer in memory of Stephen O. Anderson, who passed away at the age of 62 of metastasized cancer. Mr. Anderson's passions were technology, nature and teaching. Those passions are also the foundation that WIRE is built upon and will become a reality through the kind and generous establishment of this fund.

"Our committee can now actively work on reviewing responses to the RFP for the renewable energy systems in our Alpha Project" said WIRE Chairman, Alan Carpenter. "We are very excited to finally get to the part of the project that will begin to impact our students. The fundraising effort has been long and difficult, especially in this economic environment, but our residents, corporate sponsors, The Windham Endowment, and our anonymous matching donor have stepped up and made the difference."

Tax-deductible donations large and small have been made via donations through The Windham Endowment for Community Advancement's Windham High School Capital Campaign ([www.windhamendowment.org](http://www.windhamendowment.org)). Companies with matching donation programs have also been very helpful in reaching the goal.

WIRE's Alpha project includes a moderate sized wind turbine that can be lowered for study, photovoltaic solar array, weather station and monitoring system to be installed at Windham High School and incorporated into the Science curriculum allowing WHS students hands on experience as well as encourage and give a head start to students that may be interested in pursuing various careers in the burgeoning renewable energy field as they consider higher education choices.

Data from the wind turbine, solar array systems, and weather station will be available inside the school and science labs as well as online to Windham residents through the planned for monitoring system.

This project is entirely privately funded and for the benefit our students. No public funds will be used.

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The RFP is available for download at: [www.wire-nh.org/WIRE-RFP.pdf](http://www.wire-nh.org/WIRE-RFP.pdf)

Donations are still welcome! If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, they are accepted through WIRE's partner; The Windham Endowment for Community Advancement, send a personal check payable to "Windham Endowment". (PO Box 4315, Windham, NH 03087). Donations can also be made via PayPal by clicking the "Donate" button. (A PayPal account is not required.). Please go to their web site at [www.windhamendowment.org](http://www.windhamendowment.org) and click on the wind turbine.

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