

Press Release

Wind Studies Programme wins the award “365 Places in the Land of Ideas” for 2010

The initiative “Germany – Land of Ideas” awards the continuing studies programme Wind Energy Technology and Management.

Oldenburg, 20 November, 2009. The continuing studies programme Wind Energy Technology and Management has been selected as the recipient of the award “365 Places in the Land of Ideas” in 2010. From 2006 onwards, the initiative “Germany – Land of Ideas”, is sponsored by the German government and commerce and industry, represented by the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and leading corporations. It has characterized the sustainability and strength of innovation that Germany exhibits as a location for industry. The patron of Germany's largest event initiative will again be Federal President Horst Köhler. Over 2.200 research institutes, cultural centres and social initiatives had applied nationwide. The prize underscores the strengths of Germany as a location for industry along with the qualities: ingenuity, creative passion and visionary thinking.

“This prize awards the successful continuing studies programme Wind Energy Technology and Management, which has set the standards for a modern continuing education programme. It reinforces our determination to continue to develop the programme for the offshore and international sectors as intended by the germanwind cluster,” states Dr. Stephan Barth, managing director of ForWind. ForWind, the Center for Wind Energy Research of the Universities of Oldenburg, Hanover, and Bremen, is offering this continuing studies programme together with the Wind Energy Agency Bremerhaven/Bremen (WAB). The continuing studies programme Wind Energy Technology and Management is a unique nationwide qualification opportunity which promotes personal career choices and serves as an entrance into the wind energy sector. The continuing studies programme is geared toward those interested in placing their future in wind energy on a solid foundation. It conveys expert knowledge in the areas of science, technology, industrial economics and law as well as key qualifications for working in the industry. Through the aid of project work, the participants develop, evaluate, and manage a wind energy farm. The number of people is limited to 24 per year. Excursions during the phases of attendance emphasize the study programme's practical approach. A graded certificate from the University of Oldenburg marks successful completion.

The development of the programme of studies was promoted by the Metropolregion Bremen-Oldenburg im Nordwesten e.V. and the city of Oldenburg. Participating sponsors are EWE AG, GE Wind Energy GmbH, Bremer Landesbank and wpd think energy GmbH & Go. KG.

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