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KidWind Teacher Workshop at College of the Desert

PALM DESERT, CA—A partnership of Coachella Valley educational organizations announces the Seventh Annual KidWind “Wind Energy Workshop for Educators” set for Saturday, November 5, 2016.

Approximately 25 educators from middle and high schools across the Coachella Valley, Riverside and San Bernardino counties are expected to participate in the regional event scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the College of the Desert, Public Safety Academy, Rooms 19A & B on the Palm Desert Campus, 43500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, CA, 92260.

Teachers will learn about the science of wind energy, and then build and demonstrate their working wind turbine models. This year’s workshop is jointly sponsored by Palm Springs Unified School District, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, COD’s Advanced Transportation & Renewable Energy DSN Grant, and numerous volunteers.

This is the seventh annual workshop organized by the Advanced Technology Industry Council - an industry council of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership. The event will be facilitated by Tim Smyth, KidWind Senator, and Physics Instructor in the Renewable Energy Academy of Learning (REAL) at Desert Hot Springs High School.

The KidWind program helps teachers learn about wind energy technology, receive curriculum and materials for integrating wind energy instruction into their classes, and form student teams for a regional competition. Teacher workshops are conducted each year at College of the Desert.

KidWind was started by a sixth grade California science teacher, Michael Arquin, who was not satisfied with the products available to teach children about wind energy science. KidWind creates affordable classroom-ready materials and free downloadable print materials to support teachers and students all over the world. For those who do not have the financial ability to purchase the materials, they also offer a giveaway program. Visit KidWind at <http://learn.kidwind.org/>.

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About CVEP

The nonprofit Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) promotes a diversified, year-round economy through business attraction, expansion, and retention and by developing a workforce aligned with the needs of business. Visit www.cvep.com or call 760-340-1575.

About College of the Desert

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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