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PORTSMOUTH: KEY TO VIRGINIA WIND ENERGY LEADERSHIP

THE MESSAGE brought to the **Portsmouth Partnership's Maritime Committee** in July by Josh Prueher, President of **Earl Energy**, was clear and concise. **First:** nationwide, wind energy represents a **\$170 billion, 20,000-job opportunity**; Virginia stands to claim fully **half** of that total. **Second:** the water depth and wind characteristics off Virginia's coast are ideal for the generation and transmission of wind-generated power. **Third:** with the shifting of container traffic to the new state-of-the-art APM facility, the Portsmouth International Terminal site can be made available for the manufacture and staging of the massive components and assemblies required for wind energy generation.

EARL ENERGY, a division of Portsmouth's Earl Industries, is one of several active members of the **Virginia Offshore Wind Coalition**

[Wind energy holds great potential and promise](#)

(www.vowcoalition.org), an organization of manufacturers, service providers, government entities, organizations and individuals who share an interest in developing clean, renewable sources of power as alternatives to oil and coal. Prueher emphasized that long-term plans for the structure of this new industry are firming up quickly, and that prompt, coordinated and informed leadership will be required if Portsmouth is to throw its hat into the competitive ring in time to capitalize on this tremendous opportunity.

OTHER CITIES and regions have already recognized wind's promise as a viable alternative energy source, and have taken the financial and legislative steps necessary to lay the competitive groundwork required to attract both equipment manufacturers and energy producers. Accordingly, the VOWC's members stress that planning must begin immediately to assemble an effective legislative agenda, a strong business case, and a clear public awareness of both Virginia's value as an energy generation site and Portsmouth's value as a prime manufacturing site for the industry's specialized equipment.

A CURSORY LOOK at a map shows that Virginia, comfortably located midway up the eastern seaboard, is home both to major population centers and to an immense concentration of Naval facilities – the second-largest concentration in the U.S. However, a map does not show two further valuable assets: that coastal Virginia hosts a major entry point to a substantial power grid, and that the Navy has been tasked with deriving fully 50% of its power from alternative sources by the year 2020.

SHAKESPEARE spoke of the “tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune . . .” The message to Virginia's leaders, workers and employers is clear: “Surf's up.”



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT MARKETS WATERFRONT SITE

PORTSMOUTH'S DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT has announced that the former BASF site, located adjacent to the VPA's APM terminal facility on the Elizabeth River, is now primed and available for construction or industrial use. The parcel, located on deep water and measuring nearly 50 acres, has access to both rail and interstate roadway, and is zoned for heavy industry.

THE SITE BOASTS warehouse, workshop and office space, and existing electricity, gas and water services remain in place. Environmental remediation, too, is complete. Details may be had at 800-848-5690, 393-8804 or porteco@portsmouthva.gov.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS AT TCC'S FRED W BEAZLEY CAMPUS DEDICATION

GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL was on hand to help celebrate the opening of TCC's new state-of-the-art campus at Portsmouth's Victory Crossing on July 13. Speaking to a capacity crowd under a tent decorated in a festive, nautical theme, the Governor's remarks reflected the energy and excitement of the occasion. And, indeed, there was much to be excited about: the futuristic technology of the Beazley School of Nursing's labs; the new facilities for technical instruction; the expansive library; the location, now fully accessible to Portsmouth's students; and the rapidly – growing First College partnership with Portsmouth Public Schools.

ENROLLMENT IS UP over projections at the new Beazley Campus – WAY up in some of the technical disciplines – but, in keeping with Dr. DiCroce's expansive initial vision for this new campus, all buildings have been designed to accommodate the physical growth that future generations of students may require.

THE ROLE OF TODAY'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES is an expanding – and challenging - one. Students' access and rising costs, combined with employers' evolving demands, will forge new, creative and dynamic relationships between public schools, colleges and the workplace. Community colleges will be major architects of tomorrow's education model . . . and TCC's example, under Dr. DiCroce's leadership, will undoubtedly stand as a model for others to follow.



Partnership President Diane Griffin looks on as Partnership members TCC President Dr. Deborah DiCroce and Provost Dr. Terry Jones stand with Gov. McDonnell (t-shirt) and others.



Robert Ian Winstin

PORTSMOUTH MOURNS LOSS OF MUSICIAN, CONDUCTOR, WRITER, MENTOR, FRIEND

FEW OF US will have the good fortune to ever know an individual such as Robert Ian Winstin. Behind his genial manner, his twinkling eye, his sharp wit and his ready laugh was an artist who exhibited characteristics usually deemed mutually exclusive in an artist: he was creative yet disciplined; able to tap the talents of both himself and others; both a composer and an accomplished instrumentalist; a talent magnet for contemporary composers and a mentor to young musicians; a musician and a businessman/promoter.

WHEN ROBERT and wife Susan moved into the Olde Towne's Colony Theater last June, they brought more than just the Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra, the New Millennium Orchestra, ERM Music and the promise of a quirky new performance space with them; they brought Robert's tremendous energy, too. The man showed that, despite having ushered VYSO's kids annually through such far-flung destinations as China, Greece, Italy, Paris and London – plus conducted performances there - he could still write, perform and blog-post a new piece each day in his February 2010 “28 in twenty-eight” effort, conduct and record New Millennium Orchestra pieces for his ERM label, and participate in efforts to promote Olde Towne through the Portsmouth Partnership's PortsEvents organization. His high spirits were contagious.

ROBERT died of a stroke in his home on June 26 at the age of 51. Our condolences go to his wife, Susan, and to all of those whose lives he touched – especially the young members of the Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra.



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