



## *Kansas Wind & Renewable Energy Conference '08*

Wind Energy Consulting & Contracting was a proud sponsor of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Wind & Renewable Energy Conference. The conference gave interested citizens and organizations an opportunity to explore alternative energy sources and to meet the leaders in the industry.

WECC's "turnkey" approach to wind turbine projects proved most interesting to the visitors at the conference. "The wealth of interest and the quality of the questions really shows that wind is a serious alternative to today's energy challenges." Said Sarah Smith, WECC's Marketing Lead and conference participant.

The keynote speaker at the event was Dr. James E. Hansen, a climate expert from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Hansen, who predicted global warming in 1981, has dedicated himself to researching climate trends and the effect humans have on climate change. "It is a solvable problem." Dr. Hansen said, explaining, "Ignorance is no longer a viable excuse."

In addition to speakers, the conference broke into discussion sessions. In these sessions, the following concepts were explored:

- Opportunities for wind, solar, biofuels and other renewable energy sources
- Energy efficiency for residential, commercial and industrial sectors, and
- How educational institutions can prepare students for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy