

Is Wind Power the Answer

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With School Districts, Cities, and County Governments facing a budget short fall, it is imperative that they seek an alternate way to raise funds. Taxing is out of the question as many of the taxpayers have now lost their jobs or living on a reduced income. The answer may lay in the productions of in-house electric power. The State of Texas allows anyone who generates electric power with alternative power, such as wind or solar to sell the excess power. The investment in equipment pays for itself, for example a School District who's electric bill is two million dollars per year, an investment of twenty million dollars to produce enough power will pay for the two million yearly energy cost. With today's alternative energy investors the entire twenty million can be paid out in 10 years, with no initial investment. Now use the two million dollars in energy cost already being paid to make the annual payment, there is no new funds required no new taxes or bonds. This equipment has a life span of 20 years, by paying is off in the first 10 years it leaves 10 years of equipment life. A two million dollar energy bill can be offset by installing 3- 1-megawatt wind generator. These three units will produce eighteen million dollars per year in energy. By selling the excess power the owner now shows a sixteen million dollar increase in revenue. School Districts can pay for more teachers, Counties can maintain better roads, or better public protection, cities can offer better services. The question? "Is Wind Power the Answer" Yes, it is.