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North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's WindWinRI hosting Rhode Island's Second Annual Regional High School Wind Turbine Competition on May 7th at New England Institute of Technology

North Kingstown, RI- The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce's continues to support Rhode Island's leadership in wind energy industry and wind energy education with the WindWinRI program. The program is hosting their second annual regional Rhode Island High School Wind Turbine Competition with the nationally recognized KidWind program on May 7th at the New England Institute of Technology in East Greenwich, RI.

This year the WindWinRI will be providing a new advanced level of competition. In this division, the students will be able to design and print their wind turbine blades and then test the performance of the 3D printed blades. Rhode Island is the first state to provide this division. Students who place in the Rhode Island competition will have the opportunity to compete at the National level.

Participating schools in the competition will receive a wind energy build kit that was designed by local engineers and includes components from local Rhode Island businesses Walco and R&D Technology as well as Davies Technical High School.

"The WindWinRI offshore wind energy career training pathway continues to provide high schoolers with interactive wind energy experiences such as this new division of the competition. Additionally, students will be able to use the simulation software to design offshore wind farms." - Kristin Urbach, Executive Director of WindWinRI and the North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce

For high schools and students who are interested in participating in the competition, there is an informational webinar scheduled for February 28th at 3:30 pm. To register to attend the information session or the competition, visit www.windwinri.com.

"We are excited to continue our work with the WindWinRI team to bring authentic wind energy education to students in Rhode Island. This innovative print and test pilot will introduce students to advance blade theory and allow students to explore the 3D manufacturing of blades. Kudos to the team for all of their hard work!" - Michael Arquin, Founding Director of KidWind.

For more information about the WindWinRI program that includes an offshore wind energy high school certificate, please contact 401.295.5566 or email info@northkingstown.com.

The North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce is one of Rhode Island's leading business membership and trade organizations located in North Kingstown, RI that includes the Quonset Business Park that employs more than 10,000 people within over 200 businesses. Quonset, the home to Port Davisville, has served as the staging, storage, and assembly area for wind turbine equipment.

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