

TX Hereford Wind, LLC
**Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified
Property**

Presented to:
Hereford Independent School District

February 11, 2013



Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

Form 50-296
(Revised May 2010)

INSTRUCTIONS: This application must be completed and filed with the school district. In order for an application to be processed, the governing body (school board) must elect to consider an application, but — by Comptroller rule — the school board may elect to consider the application only after the school district has received a completed application. Texas Tax Code, Section 313.025 requires that any completed application and any supplemental materials received by the school district must be forwarded within seven days to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

If the school board elects to consider the application, the school district must:

- notify the Comptroller that the school board has elected to consider the application.
This notice must include:
 - the date on which the school district received the application;
 - the date the school district determined that the application was complete;
 - the date the school board decided to consider the application; and
 - a request that the comptroller prepare an economic impact analysis of the application;
- provide a copy of the notice to the appraisal district;
- must complete the sections of the application reserved for the school district and provide information required in the Comptroller rules located at 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 9.1054; and
- forward the original completed application to the Comptroller in a three-ring binder with tabs separating each section of the documents, in addition to an electronic copy on CD. See 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

The governing body may, at its discretion, allow the applicant to supplement or amend the application after the filing date, subject to the restrictions in 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

When the Comptroller receives the notice and required information from the school district, the Comptroller will publish all submitted application materials on its Web site. The Comptroller is authorized to treat some application information as confidential and withhold it from publication on the Internet. To do so, however, the information must be segregated and comply with the other requirements set out in the Comptroller rules as explained in the Confidentiality Notice below.

The Comptroller will independently determine whether the application has been completed according to the Comptroller's rules (34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F). If the Comptroller finds the application is not complete, the Comptroller will request additional materials from the school district. When the Comptroller determines that the application is complete, it will send the school district a notice indicating so. The Comptroller will determine the eligibility of the project, make a recommendation to the school board regarding the application and prepare an economic impact evaluation by the 90th day after the Comptroller receives a complete application—as determined by the Comptroller.

The school board must approve or disapprove the application before the 151st day after the application review start date (the date the application is finally determined to be complete), unless an extension is granted. The Comptroller and school district are authorized to request additional information from the applicant that is reasonably necessary to complete the recommendation, economic impact evaluation or consider the application at any time during the application review period.

Please visit the Comptroller's Web site to find out more about the program at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/index.html>. There are links on this Web page to the Chapter 313 statute, rules and forms. Information about minimum limitation values for particular districts and wage standards may also be found at that site.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Authorized School District Representative		Date application received by district February 11, 2013
First Name Kelli	Last Name Moulton	
Title Superintendent		
School District Name Hereford Independent School District		
Street Address 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.		
Mailing Address same		
City Hereford	State TX	ZIP 79045
Phone Number (806)364-0606	Fax Number (806)363-7647	
Mobile Number (optional)	E-mail Address kellimoulton@herefordisd.net	

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application..... Yes No

Will consultant be primary contact? Yes No



SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)

First Name **Audie**

Last Name **Sciumbato**

Title **Attorney**

Firm Name **Underwood Law Firm, PC**

Street Address

Mailing Address **PO Box 9158**

City **Amarillo**

State **TX**

ZIP **79105**

Phone Number **(806)364-2626**

Fax Number **(806)364-9368**

Mobile Number (Optional)

E-mail Address **audie.sciumbato@uwlaw.com**

I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

Signature (Authorized School District Representative)

Date

2-11-13

Has the district determined this application complete? Yes No

If yes, date determined complete. 02/11/2013

Have you completed the school finance documents required by TAC 9.1054(c)(3)? Yes No

SCHOOL DISTRICT CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

Checklist	Page X of 16	Check Completed
1 Date application received by the ISD	1 of 16	✓
2 Certification page signed and dated by authorized school district representative	2 of 16	✓
3 Date application deemed complete by ISD	2 of 16	✓
4 Certification pages signed and dated by applicant or authorized business representative of applicant	4 of 16	✓
5 Completed company checklist	12 of 16	✓
6 School finance documents described in TAC 9.1054(c)(3) (Due within 20 days of district providing notice of completed application)	2 of 16	✓

APPLICANT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Authorized Business Representative (Applicant)

First Name Declan		Last Name Flanagan	
Title CEO			
Organization Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC			
Street Address 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 501			
Mailing Address			
City Chicago		State IL	ZIP 60611
Phone Number 312/237-4700		Fax Number 312/237-4707	
Mobile Number (optional)		Business e-mail Address dflanagan@lrenergy.com	

Will a company official other than the authorized business representative be responsible for responding to future information requests? Yes No

If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.

First Name Byron		Last Name Boone	
Title Senior Development Director			
Organization Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC			
Street Address 1675 Larimer Street, Suite 440			
Mailing Address			
City Denver		State CO	ZIP 80202
Phone Number 312/422-5281		Fax Number 303/433-6312	
Mobile Number (optional) 512/468-1479		E-mail Address bboone@lrenergy.com	

I authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application..... Yes No

Will consultant be primary contact? Yes No

FEES AND PAYMENTS

[X] Enclosed is proof of application fee paid to the school district.

For the purpose of this question, "payments to the school district" include any and all payments or transfers of things of value made to the school district or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of thing of value being provided is in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for the agreement for limitation on appraised value.

Please answer only either A OR B:

A. Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to receive a property tax value limitation agreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code, 313.027(i)? ... [] Yes [X] No

B. If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula or methodology without a specific amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the school district" that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)? ... [] Yes [] No

BUSINESS APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Name under which application is made

TX Hereford Wind, LLC

Texas Taxpayer I.D. Number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits)

320 494 744 74

NAICS code

221119

Is the applicant a party to any other Chapter 313 agreements? ... [X] Yes [] No

If yes, please list name of school district and year of agreement.

TX Hereford Wind has plans to enter into a 313 agreement with Dimmitt ISD, Castro County for this project.

APPLICANT BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Registered to do business in Texas with the Texas Secretary of State? ... [X] Yes [] No

Identify business organization of applicant (corporation, limited liability corporation, etc.)

Limited Liability Company

1. Is the applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined group, as defined by Texas Tax Code Chapter 171.0001(7)? ... [X] Yes [] No
If so, please attach documentation of the combined group membership and contact information.

2. Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ... [X] Yes [] No

3. Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas? ... [] NA [X] Yes [] No

If the answer to either question is no, please explain and/or disclose any history of default, delinquencies and/or any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (Use attachment if necessary.)

ELIGIBILITY UNDER TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.024

- Are you an entity to which Tax Code, Chapter 171 applies? Yes No
- The property will be used as an integral part, or as a necessary auxiliary part, in one of the following activities:
 - (1) manufacturing Yes No
 - (2) research and development Yes No
 - (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code Yes No
 - (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code Yes No
 - (5) renewable energy electric generation Yes No
 - (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology Yes No
 - (7) nuclear electric power generation Yes No
 - (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7) Yes No
- Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment? Yes No
- Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease? Yes No
- Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease? Yes No
- Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant? Yes No
- Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment? Yes No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information. (Use attachments as necessary)

See Checklist Tab #4 attached

Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state.

See Checklist Tab #4 attached

PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- New Jobs Construct New Facility New Business / Start-up Expand Existing Facility
- Relocation from Out-of-State Expansion Purchase Machinery & Equipment
- Consolidation Relocation within Texas

PROJECTED TIMELINE

Begin Construction October 2013 Begin Hiring New Employees October 2013
 Construction Complete October 2014 Fully Operational October 2014
 Purchase Machinery & Equipment September 2013

Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? Yes No
Note: Improvements made before that time may not be considered qualified property.

When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service? September 2014

ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

Identify state programs the project will apply for:

State Source	Amount
N/A	
Total	

Will other incentives be offered by local units of government? Yes No

Please use the following box for additional details regarding incentives. (Use attachments if necessary.)

Chapter 312 tax abatement agreements with Deaf Smith County, Castro County, Hereford Regional Medical Center in Deaf Smith County, and Castro County Hospital District. A Chapter 313 agreement being pursued with Dimmitt ISD.

THE PROPERTY

Identify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Deaf Smith County and Castro County

Central Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Deaf Smith CAD and Castro County CAD

Will this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property? Yes No

List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property and the portion of project within each entity

County: Deaf Smith County 50% City: N/A
(Name and percent of project) (Name and percent of project)

Hospital District: Hereford Regional Medical Center 50% Water District: High Plains Water District 50%
(Name and percent of project) (Name and percent of project)

Other (describe): Amarillo Jr. College 50% Other (describe): _____
(Name and percent of project) (Name and percent of project)

Is the project located entirely within this ISD? Yes No

If not, please provide additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.

One half of entire project, at full build-out, will be in Castro County. Taxing entities in Castro County include Castro County, Dimmitt ISD, Castro County Hospital District, Water, and County Roads.

INVESTMENT

NOTE: The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum amount of appraised value limitation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as rural, and the taxable value of the property within the school district. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/values.html.

At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district? \$30,000,000

What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying? \$30,000,000

What is your total estimated *qualified* investment? \$285,000,000

NOTE: See 313.021(1) for full definition. Generally, Qualified Investment is the sum of the investment in tangible personal property and buildings and new improvements made between beginning of the qualifying time period (date of application final approval by the school district) and the end of the second complete tax year.

What is the anticipated date of application approval? April 30, 2013

What is the anticipated date of the beginning of the qualifying time period? April 30, 2013

What is the total estimated investment for this project for the period from the time of application submission to the end of the limitation period? \$285,000,000

Describe the qualified investment. [See 313.021(1).]

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your minimum qualified investment and
- (3) a map of the qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.

Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or 313.053 for rural school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period? Yes No

Except for new equipment described in Tax Code §151.318(q) or (q-1), is the proposed tangible personal property to be placed in service for the first time:

(1) in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying? Yes No

(2) if not in or on the new building or other new improvement for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation, is the personal property necessary and ancillary to the business conducted in the new building or other new improvement? Yes No

(3) on the same parcel of land as the building for which you are applying for an appraised value limitation? Yes No

("First placed in service" means the first use of the property by the taxpayer.)

Will the investment in real or personal property you propose be counted toward the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023, (or 313.053 for rural school districts) be first placed in service in this state during the applicable qualifying time period? Yes No

Does the investment in tangible personal property meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)? Yes No

If the proposed investment includes a building or a permanent, non-removable component of a building, does it house tangible personal property? Yes No

QUALIFIED PROPERTY

Describe the qualified property. [See 313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exactly you may skip items (1), (2) and (3) below.)

Attach the following items to this application:

- (1) a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021,
- (2) a description of any new buildings, proposed improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property and
- (3) a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements – with vicinity map.

Land

Is the land on which you propose new construction or improvements currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303? Yes No

If you answered "no" to the question above, what is the anticipated date on which you will submit proof of a reinvestment zone with boundaries encompassing the land on which you propose new construction or improvements? April 15, 2013

Will the applicant own the land by the date of agreement execution? Yes No

Will the project be on leased land? Yes No

QUALIFIED PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

If the land upon which the new building or new improvement is to be built is part of the qualified property described by §313.021(2)(A), please attach complete documentation, including:

1. Legal description of the land
2. Each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the improvements will be constructed, regardless of whether or not all of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property
3. Owner
4. The current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel.
5. A detailed map (with a vicinity map) showing the location of the land

Attach a map of the reinvestment zone boundaries, certified to be accurate by either the governmental entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor. (With vicinity map)

Attach the order, resolution or ordinance establishing the zone, and the guidelines and criteria for creating the zone, if applicable.

Miscellaneous

Is the proposed project a building or new improvement to an existing facility? Yes No

Attach a description of any existing improvements and include existing appraisal district account numbers.

List current market value of existing property at site as of most recent tax year. zero (Market Value) 2013 (Tax Year)

Is any of the existing property subject to a value limitation agreement under Tax Code 313? Yes No

Will all of the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation be free of a tax abatement agreement entered into by a school district for the duration of the limitation? Yes No

WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

What is the estimated number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year), with the applicant or a contractor of the applicant, on the proposed qualified property during the last complete quarter before the application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? 0

The last complete calendar quarter before application review start date is the:

First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter of 2012 (year)

What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the TWG? None

Note: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code 313.021(3). If the applicant intends to apply a definition for "new job" other than TAC §9.1051(14)(C), then please provide the definition of "new job" as used in this application.

Total number of new jobs that will have been created when fully operational 6

Do you plan to create at least 25 new jobs (at least 10 new jobs for rural school districts) on the land and in connection with the new building or other improvement? Yes No

Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum new job creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to the question above, attach evidence documenting that the new job creation requirement above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards. Note: Even if a minimum new job waiver is provided, 80% of all new jobs must be qualifying jobs pursuant to Texas Tax Code, §313.024(d).

What is the maximum number of qualifying jobs meeting all criteria of §313.021(3) you are committing to create? 6

If this project creates more than 1,000 new jobs, the minimum required wage for this project is 110% of the average county weekly wage for all jobs as described by 313.021(3)(E)(ii).

If this project creates less than 1,000 new jobs, does this district have territory in a county that meets the demographic characteristics of 313.051(2)? (see table of information showing this district characteristic at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/hb1200/values.html>)

If yes, the applicant must meet wage standard described in 313.051(b) (110% of the regional average weekly wage for manufacturing)

If no, the applicant shall designate one of the wage standards set out in §§313.021(5)(A) or 313.021(5)(B).



WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

For the following three wage calculations please include on an attachment the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation. Show the average and the 110% calculation. Include documentation from TWC Web site. The final actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimate — will be based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of a completed application). See TAC §9.1051(7).

110% of the county average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is \$730.77

110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is \$874.13

110% of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is \$850.03

Please identify which Tax Code section you are using to estimate the wage standard required for this project:

§313.021(5)(A) or §313.021(5)(B) or §313.021(3)(E)(ii), or §313.051(b)?

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property? \$44,215

What is the estimated minimum required annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property? \$46,000

Will 80% of all new jobs created by the owner be qualifying jobs as defined by 313.021(3)? [X] Yes [] No

Will each qualifying job require at least 1,600 of work a year? [X] Yes [] No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be jobs transferred from one area of the state to another? [] Yes [X] No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be retained jobs? [] Yes [X] No

Will any of the qualifying jobs be created to replace a previous employee? [] Yes [X] No

Will any required qualifying jobs be filled by employees of contractors? [X] Yes [] No

If yes, what percent? 67%

Does the applicant or contractor of the applicant offer to pay at least 80% of the employee's health insurance premium for each qualifying job? [X] Yes [] No

Describe each type of benefits to be offered to qualifying jobholders. (Use attachments as necessary.)

See Checklist Tab #15 herewith

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Is an Economic Impact Analysis attached (If supplied by other than the Comptroller's office)? [] Yes [X] No

Is Schedule A completed and signed for all years and attached? [X] Yes [] No

Is Schedule B completed and signed for all years and attached? [X] Yes [] No

Is Schedule C (Application) completed and signed for all years and attached? [X] Yes [] No

Is Schedule D completed and signed for all years and attached? [X] Yes [] No

Note: Excel spreadsheet versions of schedules are available for download and printing at URL listed below.

If there are any other payments made in the state or economic information that you believe should be included in the economic analysis, please attach a separate schedule showing the amount for each year affected, including an explanation.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

Property Tax Limitation Agreement Applications
Texas Government Code Chapter 313
Confidential Information Submitted to the Comptroller

Generally, an application for property tax value limitation, the information provided therein, and documents submitted in support thereof, are considered public information subject to release under the Texas Public Information Act.

There is an exception, outlined below, by which information will be withheld from disclosure.

The Comptroller's office will withhold information from public release if:

- 1) it describes the specific processes or business activities to be conducted or the specific tangible personal property to be located on real property covered by the application;
- 2) the information has been segregated in the application from other information in the application; and
- 3) the party requesting confidentiality provides the Comptroller's office a list of the documents for which confidentiality is sought and for each document lists the specific reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why the material is believed to be confidential.

All applications and parts of applications which are not segregated and marked as confidential as outlined above will be considered public information and will be posted on the internet.

Such information properly identified as confidential will be withheld from public release unless and until the governing body of the school district acts on the application, or we are directed to do so by a ruling from the Attorney General.

Other information in the custody of a school district or the comptroller submitted in connection with the application, including information related to the economic impact of a project or the essential elements of eligibility under Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313, such as

the nature and amount of the projected investment, employment, wages, and benefits, will not be considered confidential business information and will be posted on the internet.

All documents submitted to the Comptroller, as well as all information in the application once the school district acts thereon, are subject to public release unless specific parts of the application or documents submitted with the application are identified as confidential. Any person seeking to limit disclosure of such submitted records is advised to consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and also to take the appropriate precautions to safeguard copyrighted material, trade secrets, or any other proprietary information. The Comptroller assumes no obligation or responsibility relating to the disclosure or nondisclosure of information submitted by respondents. A person seeking to limit disclosure of information must submit in writing specific detailed reasons, including any relevant legal authority, stating why that person believes the material to be confidential.

The following outlines how the Comptroller's office will handle requests for information submitted under the Texas Public Information Act for application portions and submitted records appropriately identified as confidential.

- This office shall forward the request for records and a copy of the documents at issue to the Texas Attorney General's office for an opinion on whether such information may be withheld from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act.
- The Comptroller will notify the person who submitted the application/documents when the information is forwarded to the Attorney General's office.
- Please be aware that this Office is obligated to comply with an Attorney General's decision, including release of information ruled public even if it was marked confidential.

COMPANY CHECKLIST AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

Checklist	Page X of 16	Check Completed
1 Certification pages signed and dated by Authorized Business Representative (applicant)	4 of 16	✓
2 Proof of Payment of Application Fee (Attachment)	5 of 16	✓
3 For applicant members, documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7) (if Applicable) (Attachment)	5 of 16	✓
4 Detailed description of the project	6 of 16	✓
5 If project is located in more than one district, name other districts and list percentage in each district (Attachment)	7 of 16	✓
6 Description of Qualified Investment (Attachment)	8 of 16	✓
7 Map of qualified investment showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map.	8 of 16	✓
8 Description of Qualified Property (Attachment)	8 of 16	✓
9 Map of qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map	8 of 16	✓
10 Description of Land (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
11 A detailed map showing location of the land with vicinity map.	9 of 16	✓
12 A description of all existing (if any) improvements (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
13 Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement (if applicable) (Attachment)	9 of 16	✓
14 Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation. (Attachment)	10 of 16	✓
15 Description of Benefits	10 of 16	✓
16 Economic Impact (if applicable)	10 of 16	✓
17 Schedule A completed and signed	13 of 16	✓
18 Schedule B completed and signed	14 of 16	✓
19 Schedule C (Application) completed and signed	15 of 16	✓
20 Schedule D completed and signed	16 of 16	✓
21 Map of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment) (Showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size, Certified to be accurate by either the government entity creating the zone, the local appraisal district, or a licensed surveyor, with vicinity map)*	9 of 16	✓
22 Order, Resolution, or Ordinance Establishing the Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓
23 Legal Description of Reinvestment Zone (Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓
24 Guidelines and Criteria for Reinvestment Zone(Attachment)*	9 of 16	✓

*To be submitted with application or before date of final application approval by school board.

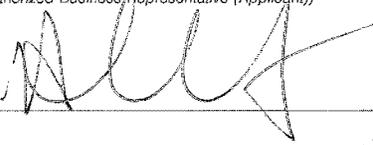
APPLICANT INFORMATION - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable)

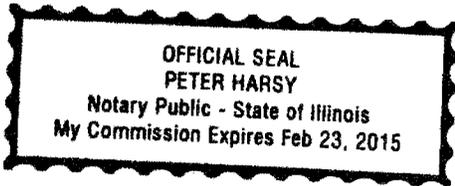
First Name		Last Name	
Title			
Firm Name			
Street Address			
Mailing Address			
City		State	ZIP
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Business email Address			

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

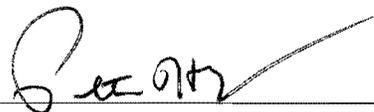
I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no delinquent taxes are owed to the State of Texas.

Signature (Authorized Business Representative (Applicant))	Date
	08-Feb-2013

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of February, 2013



(Notary Seal)


Notary Public, State of Illinois

My commission expires Feb 23 2015

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code § 37.10.

Checklist Item 2

Proof of Payment of Application Fee

Proof of payment attached.

Proof of payment of filing fee received by the
Comptroller of Public Accounts per TAC Rule
§9.1054 (b)(5)

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Accounts)*

Checklist Item 3

Combined Group Membership

1. TX Hereford Wind, LLC a Delaware limited liability company formed on November 9, 2012.
2. TX Hereford Wind, LLC is registered in the State of Texas as a foreign limited liability company, File Number 801682961, in the Office of the Secretary of State. Taxpayer number 32049474474.
3. TX Hereford Wind, LLC has one member with 100% ownership, Lincoln Renewable Energy, L.L.C. which is registered in the State of Texas as a foreign limited liability company, File Number 801318039, in the Office of the Secretary of State. Taxpayer number 32042627284
4. Contact information for TX Hereford Wind, LLC is as follows:
Contact: Byron Boone
Phone: 312/422-5281
Email: bboone@lrenergy.com
5. In addition, we have attached herewith Certificates of Account Status from the Texas Comptroller's Office that show that all current affiliates of Lincoln Renewable Energy that are doing business in Texas are in good standing. This includes Lincoln Renewable Energy, L.L.C; TX Hereford Wind, LLC; and TX Windwood Wind, LLC.



TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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February 8, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF ACCOUNT STATUS

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I, Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that according to the records of this office

LINCOLN RENEWABLE ENERGY, L.L.C.

is, as of this date, in good standing with this office having no franchise
tax reports or payments due at this time. This certificate is valid through
the date that the next franchise tax report will be due May 15, 2013.

This certificate does not make a representation as to the status of the
entity's registration, if any, with the Texas Secretary of State.

This certificate is valid for the purpose of conversion when the converted
entity is subject to franchise tax as required by law. This certificate is
not valid for any other filing with the Texas Secretary of State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND
SEAL OF OFFICE in the City of
Austin, this 8th day of
February 2013 A.D.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Combs".

Susan Combs
Texas Comptroller

Taxpayer number: 32042627284
File number: 0801318039

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TX HEREFORD WIND, LLC

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tax reports or payments due at this time. This certificate is valid through
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February 2013 A.D.

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Susan Combs
Texas Comptroller

Taxpayer number: 32049474474
File number: 0801682961

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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HEREBY CERTIFY that according to the records of this office

TX WINDWOOD WIND, LLC

is, as of this date, in good standing with this office having no franchise
tax reports or payments due at this time. This certificate is valid through
the date that the next franchise tax report will be due May 15, 2013.

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February 2013 A.D.

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Susan Combs
Texas Comptroller

Taxpayer number: 32048186160
File number: 0801608903

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Checklist Item 4

Provide a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information. (Use attachments as necessary)

Description of the Project:

TX Hereford Wind, LLC ("Hereford Wind") is requesting a Chapter 313 Appraised Value Limitation Agreement from Hereford ISD for a proposed renewable energy project using wind turbines (wind farm) to be constructed in southeast Deaf Smith County and northeastern Castro County.

The proposed wind farm will potentially be constructed as one phase or possibly multiple phases, with a total of up to 174 wind turbine generators, for a total capacity of up to 400.2 megawatts (MW), spanning the Hereford and Dimmitt school districts in southeast Deaf Smith and eastern Castro Counties, Texas. The current plan is to utilize 2.3MW turbines. The project will cover approximately 31,000 acres of privately-owned land, all currently used as farmland or pasture, and such uses can continue as the Project is designed to be compatible with such activities. Construction is expected to commence in the second half of 2013, and be completed in the third or fourth quarter of 2014. In addition to the wind turbines, the Project will also include an operations and maintenance building, a series of new access roads to the turbines, underground electrical collection cables, a substation, an overhead transmission line connecting to a substation at the Point of Interconnection to the new ERCOT transmission line, and other ancillary equipment necessary to safely operate, maintain, and transmit power to the ERCOT grid as meteorological equipment to measure wind speed and direction. None of this property is covered under an existing appraisal district account number.

The project lay-out is not finalized at this time and we are unable to precisely pinpoint the final location of the approximately 87 wind turbine generators that will be located within Hereford ISD.

Approximately 150 – 200 construction workers are anticipated at peak of construction activity for each phase, and approximately 6 permanent, full-time workers are anticipated for the plant management and operations and maintenance functions for each project.

Describe the ability of your company to locate or relocate in another state or another region of the state.

A wind energy project can be located in any state, or any county in the State, with a commercially viable wind resource, and access to transmission and an attractive market. The Applicant's parent company – Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC - currently has projects under development at viable sites in numerous states. In addition, Lincoln Renewable Energy, LLC has a wind project under development on the Texas coast. Securing this Chapter 313 value limitation agreement with Hereford ISD will help make the project more economically viable and competitive versus other options in the region and in Texas.

Checklist Item 5

87 of the planned 174 turbines, along with the Project substation and switchyard and a portion of the project electrical collection system, the Project operations and maintenance building, and access road network are expected to be located in the Hereford ISD.

The other planned 87 of the planned 174 turbines, along with the balance of the project electrical collection system and access road network are expected to be located in the Dimmitt ISD.

Checklist Item 6

Description of Qualified Investment:

The Applicant is requesting an appraised value limitation on all of the property constructed or placed upon the real property within Hereford ISD and includes the following:

1. Approximately 87 Siemens 2.3MW wind turbine generator systems described as follows:
 - a. Rotor with a diameter of 108 m, comprised of three blades mounted to a cast iron hub.
 - b. Three blades manufactured from carbon fiber, wood, fiberglass, epoxy.
 - c. Blade pitch control system.
 - d. Hub manufactured from cast iron connecting the blades to turbine shaft.
 - e. Gearbox.
 - f. Bearings.
 - g. Gearbox lubrication system.
 - h. Brake system.
 - i. 87 towers, 80 m to hub.
 - j. Nacelle.
 - k. Anemometer, wind vane, and lightning protection system.
 - l. Control system.
2. Roadwork, sloped for drainage, with turnouts from public roads.
3. Fencing to control livestock and to protect substations and other equipment as needed for safety and security.
4. 87 wind turbine foundations, with anchor bolt embeds.
5. Wind turbine obstruction lighting per FAA requirements.
6. Telephone system.
7. Collection substation and switchyard with associated transformers as well as associated circuit breakers, switches, reactive compensation equipment, and control building.
8. All control systems necessary for safety, security, and commercial generation of electricity.
9. Underground power cables and collection system, and various cable accessories, with grounding.
10. Operations and maintenance building with offices and warehouse, with standard utilities.
11. Permanent meteorological towers, quantity and location of which to be determined by final turbine layout.
12. Underground communication cables.

Checklist Item 7

See attached map of qualified investment showing location of new building or new improvements with vicinity map.

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Checklist Item 8

Description of Qualified Property:

1. Approximately 87 Siemens 2.3MW wind turbine generator systems described as follows:
 - a. Rotor with a diameter of 108 m, comprised of three blades mounted to a cast iron hub.
 - b. Three blades manufactured from carbon fiber, wood, fiberglass, epoxy.
 - c. Blade pitch control system.
 - d. Hub manufactured from cast iron connecting the blades to turbine shaft.
 - e. Gearbox.
 - f. Bearings.
 - g. Gearbox lubrication system.
 - h. Brake system.
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 - j. Nacelle.
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 - l. Control system.
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10. Operations and maintenance building with offices and warehouse, with standard utilities.
11. Permanent meteorological towers, quantity and location of which to be determined by final turbine layout.
12. Underground communication cables.

Checklist Item 9

Please refer to Checklist Item 7 for a Map of the Qualified Property.

Checklist Item 10

The entire project will be on leased land described herein. As such, the land will not be considered part of qualified property. Land account numbers, owner names, appraisal district account numbers, and taxable values are therefore not applicable.

John F. Watson & Company

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS & PLANNERS

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HEREFORD WIND PROJECT – HEREFORD ISD 313 APPLICATION

DEAF SMITH COUNTY AND HEREFORD ISD PORTION OF HEREFORD WIND PROJECT

APPROXIMATELY 26,871 ACRES OF LAND

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BEING APPROXIMATELY 26,871 ACRES OF LAND AND BEING ALL OF AND ANY PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 1, A-179, 2, A-882, A-1362 & A-1365, 3, A-180, 4, A-1144 & A-1445, 19, A-181, 20, A-1060, 21, A-182, 22, A-1061 & A-1342, 23, A-183, 24, A-952, 25, A-184, 26, A-1145, 41, A-185, 42, A-951, A-1463, A-1464 & A-1470, 43, A-186, 44, A-772, 45, A-187, 46, A-997, A-1281 & A-1293, 47, A-188, 48, A-998, 63, A-195, 64, A-1143, 65, A-264, 66, A-778 & A-1456, 67, A-206, 68, A-779, 69, A-207, 70, A-1177, AND 86, A-763 & A-1292, BLOCK M7, BS&F SURVEY, AND SECTIONS 317, A-270, 318, A-1086, 319, A-271, 320, A-971, 321, A-272, 322, A-1109, 323, A-273, 324, A-950, 357, A-274, 358, A-1106, A-1331 & A-1337, 359, A-275, AND 360, A-970 & A-1366, BLOCK M6, SK&K SURVEY, LYING IN AND BEING SITUATED OUT OF DEAF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS; SAID TRACT BEING GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING at a point at or near the intersection of the east line of said Section 317 and the common line of said Deaf Smith County and Castro County, Texas for the southeast corner hereof and having an approximate Latitude and Longitude of N 34.74737° and W 102.17389°;

THENCE South 89°56'31" West an approximate distance of 8,911.06 feet along the common line of said Castro and Deaf Smith Counties to a point at or near the intersection of said common county line and the south line of said Section 324 for an angle point hereof;

THENCE North 88°50'38" West an approximate distance of 44,991.75 feet along the south line of said Sections 324, 357, 4, 19, 26, 41, 48, 63 and 70 to a point at or near the southerly common corner of Section 85 of said Block M7 and said Section 70 for an ell corner hereof and having an approximate Latitude and Longitude of N 34.748699° and W 102.35331°;

THENCE North 01°12'52" East an approximate distance of 5,302.66 feet along the common line of said Sections 70 and 85 to a point at or near the common corner of said Sections 69, 70, 85 and 86 and an interior corner hereof;

THENCE North 88°35'56" West an approximate distance of 5,301.26 feet along the common line of said Sections 85 and 86 to a point at or near the common corner of Sections 91 and 92 of said Block M7 and said Sections 85 and 86 and an ell corner hereof;

THENCE North 00°56'13" East an approximate distance of 5,325.49 feet to a point at or near the common corner of Sections 87 and 90 of said Block M7 and said Sections 86 and 91 and an ell corner hereof;

THENCE South 88°49'54" East an approximate distance of 5,324.14 feet along the common line of said Sections 86 and 87 to a point at or near the common corner of said Sections 68, 69, 86 and 87 and an interior corner hereof;
THENCE North 01°12'48" East an approximate distance of 10,571.36 feet along the west line of said Sections 67 and 68 to a point at or near the common corner of Sections 40, 41 and 88 of said Block M7 and said Section 67 and the northwest corner hereof and having an approximate Latitude and Longitude of N 34.80700° and W 102.35243°;

THENCE South 88°50'22" East an approximate distance of 37,738.61 feet along the north line of said Sections 67, 66, 45, 44, 23, 22 and 1 to a point at or near the northerly common corner of said Sections 1 and 360 and an angle point hereof;

THENCE South 88°27'31" East an approximate distance of 16,177.06 feet along the north line of said Sections 360, 321 and 320 to a point at or near the northeast corner of said Section 320 and hereof and having an approximate Latitude and Longitude of N 34.804847° and W 102.172851°;

THENCE South 01°14'47" West an approximate distance of 20,920.36 feet along the east line of said Sections 320, 319, 318 and 317 to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** and containing 26,871 acres of land, more or less.

Note: Bearings and distances shown hereon are NAD83, Texas North Zone, and coordinates shown hereon are WGS84 and all are approximate based on GIS mapping. This description does not constitute a boundary survey and is provided for reference purposes only.

Note: THIS DIGITAL COPY IS PROVIDED FOR THE INSERTION INTO LEGAL DOCUMENTS.

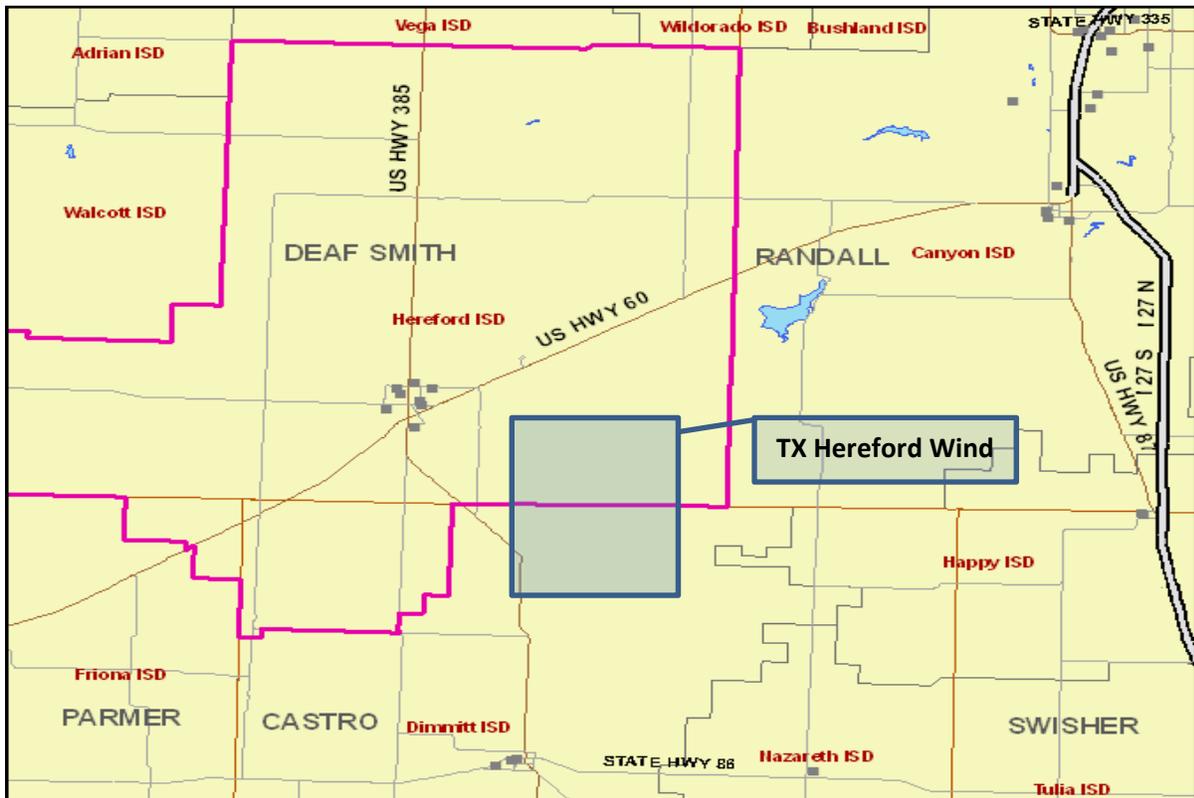
Checklist Item 11

TX Hereford Wind Vicinity Map



TX Hereford Wind, LLC

Hereford ISD Map



Checklist Item 12

There are no existing improvements.

Checklist Item 13

The Project will create at least 6 qualifying jobs allocable to Hereford ISD, as that term is defined in Section 313.021(3) of the Texas Tax Code. Pursuant to Section 313.025 (f-1) of the Texas Tax Code, the governing body of a school district may waive the new jobs creation requirement in Section 313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b) or 313.051(b) and approve an application if the governing body makes a finding that the jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property that is described in this application.

The applicant requests that the Hereford ISD's Board of Trustees make such a finding and waive the job creation requirement. Based on the industry standard, the size and scope of the project will require less than ten permanent jobs. Wind projects create a large number of part-time jobs during the construction phase, but require a small number of highly-skilled technicians to operate a wind project once construction is completed and commercial operations start. The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the Project.

Based on its operating procedures, the Applicant typically staffs a wind farm in the ratio of one full-time employee for every 15 turbines, although this number can and does vary depending upon the turbine selected and the support and technical assistance offered by the turbine manufacturer. In addition to the onsite employees described above, there may be asset managers or technicians who supervise, monitor, and support wind project operations from offsite locations.

Thank you for your consideration of the requested waiver of the minimum job requirement.



February 11, 2013

Hereford Independent School District Board (ISD)
601 N. 25 Mile Avenue
Hereford, TX 79045

Re: Job Waiver Request for Hereford Wind Farm

To Whom It May Concern:

As contained in Checklist Item 13 in TX Hereford Wind, LLC application for 313 Value Limitation Agreement, we are requesting a waiver for new job creation. Pursuant to Section 313.025 (f-1) of the Texas Tax Code, the governing body of a school district may waive the new jobs creation requirement in Section 313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b) or 313.051(b) and approve an application if the governing body makes a finding that the jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property that is described in this application. The Project will create at least 6 qualifying jobs allocable to Hereford ISD, as that term is defined in Section 313.021(3) of the Texas Tax Code.

The applicant requests that the Hereford ISD's Board of Trustees make such a finding and waive the job creation requirement. Based on the industry standard, the size and scope of the project will require less than ten permanent jobs.

Wind projects create a large number of part-time jobs during the construction phase, but require a small number of highly-skilled technicians to operate a wind project once construction is completed and commercial operations start. The permanent employees of a wind project maintain and service wind turbines, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the Project.

However, the project still stands to provide significant benefits to the community with respect to increased tax base and the royalty payments it will make to local landowners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Jordan", is written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Joe Jordan
Development Director
Lincoln Renewable Energy

312/810-6078
jjordan@lrenergy.com

Checklist Item 14

2011 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region Wages for All Occupations

COG	Hourly	Annual
1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	\$19.32	\$40,196

$\$40,196 \times 1.10 = \$44,215.60$

2011 Manufacturing Wages by Council of Government Region Wages for All Occupations

COG	Wages	
	Hourly	Annual
Texas	\$22.89	\$47,610
<u>1. Panhandle Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>\$19.32</u>	<u>\$40,196</u>
<u>2. South Plains Association of Governments</u>	<u>\$16.45</u>	<u>\$34,210</u>
<u>3. NORTEK Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>\$18.14</u>	<u>\$37,733</u>
<u>4. North Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$24.03</u>	<u>\$49,986</u>
<u>5. Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$16.52</u>	<u>\$34,366</u>
<u>6. East Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$18.27</u>	<u>\$37,995</u>
<u>7. West Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$17.76</u>	<u>\$36,949</u>
<u>8. Rio Grande Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$15.69</u>	<u>\$32,635</u>
<u>9. Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>\$21.32</u>	<u>\$44,349</u>
<u>10. Concho Valley Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$15.92</u>	<u>\$33,123</u>
<u>11. Heart of Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$18.82</u>	<u>\$39,150</u>
<u>12. Capital Area Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$26.46</u>	<u>\$55,047</u>
<u>13. Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$15.71</u>	<u>\$33,718</u>
<u>14. Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$15.48</u>	<u>\$32,207</u>
<u>15. South East Texas Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>\$28.23</u>	<u>\$58,724</u>
<u>16. Houston-Galveston Area Council</u>	<u>\$25.82</u>	<u>\$53,711</u>
<u>17. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission</u>	<u>\$20.38</u>	<u>\$42,391</u>
<u>18. Aledo Area Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>	<u>\$37,439</u>
<u>19. South Texas Development Council</u>	<u>\$13.85</u>	<u>\$28,806</u>
<u>20. Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$22.35</u>	<u>\$46,489</u>
<u>21. Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council</u>	<u>\$15.08</u>	<u>\$31,365</u>
<u>22. Texoma Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$20.76</u>	<u>\$43,190</u>
<u>23. Central Texas Council of Governments</u>	<u>\$16.17</u>	<u>\$33,642</u>
<u>24. Middle Rio Grande Development Council</u>	<u>\$13.65</u>	<u>\$28,382</u>

Source: Texas Occupational Employment and Wages

Data published: July 2012

Data published annually, next update will be summer 2013

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Wage data is produced from Texas OES data, and is not to be compared to BLS estimates.

Data intended for TAC 313 purposes only.

Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$788
2012	2nd Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$775
2012	3rd Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	31	2	31-33	Manufacturing	\$821

Quarterly Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Division	Level	Ind Code	Industry	Avg Weekly Wages
2012	1st Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$677
2012	2nd Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$647
2012	3rd Qtr	Deaf Smith County	Private	00	0	10	Total, All Industries	\$669

Calculation of Wage Requirements – Deaf Smith County

110% of County Average Weekly Wage for ALL Jobs:

2012 Q1 \$677

2012 Q2 \$647

2012 Q3 \$669

Total: $\$1993/3 = \664.33 average weekly salary x 1.10% = \$730.77

(Note – no data for Deaf Smith County for Q4 2012)

110% of County Average Weekly Wage for MANUFACTURING Jobs:

2012 Q1 \$788

2012 Q2 \$775

2012 Q3 \$821

Total: $\$2,384/3 = \794.67 average weekly salary x 1.10% = \$874.13

(Note – no data for Deaf Smith County for Q4 2012)

Checklist Item 15

Description of Benefits:

- Medical, dental and vision insurance coverage
- Paid holidays
- Paid vacations
- 401k
- Short and Long term disability
- Life insurance
- Sick time
- Flexible spending accounts

Checklist Item 16

Not applicable, as Applicant is not providing an economic benefit analysis.

Applicant Name
ISD Name

TX Hereford Wind, LLC
Hereford ISD

Form 50-296

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS									
(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A: Tangible Personal Property The amount of new investment (original cost) placed in service during this year	Column B: Building or permanent nonremovable component of building (annual amount only)	Column C: Sum of A and B Qualifying Investment (during the qualifying time period)	Column D: Other investment that is not qualified investment but investment affecting economic impact and total value	Column E: Total Investment (A+B+D)
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)	Investment made before filing complete application with district (neither qualified property nor eligible to become qualified investment)		2013-2014	2013	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	Investment made after filing complete application with district, but before final board approval of application (eligible to become qualified property)				\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	Investment made after final board approval of application and before Jan. 1 of first complete tax year of qualifying time period (qualified investment and eligible to become qualified property)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000.00
		2	2015-2016	2015	\$280,000.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$280,800.00		\$ 280,800.00
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	3	2016-2017	2016	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		4	2017-2018	2017	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		5	2018-2019	2018	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		6	2019-2020	2019	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		7	2020-2021	2020	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		8	2021-2022	2021	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		9	2022-2023	2022	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		10	2023-2024	2023	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2024-2025	2024	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		12	2025-2026	2025	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		13	2026-2027	2026	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	Post- Settle-Up Period	14	2027-2028	2027	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	Post- Settle-Up Period	15	2028-2029	2028	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -

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Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property the applicant considers qualified investment - as defined in Tax Code §313.021(1)(A)-(D).

For the purposes of investment, please list amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

[For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in tangible personal property].

Include estimates of investment for "replacement" property-property that is part of original agreement but scheduled for probable replacement during limitation period.

Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings that the applicant considers qualified investment under Tax Code §313.021(1)(E).

For the years outside the qualifying time period, this number should simply represent the planned investment in new buildings or nonremovable components of buildings.

Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may not be qualified investment but that may affect economic impact and total value-for planning, construction and operation of the facility.

The most significant example for many projects would be land. Other examples may be items such as professional services, etc.

Note: Land can be listed as part of investment during the "pre-year 1" time period. It cannot be part of qualifying investment.

Notes: For advanced clean energy projects, nuclear projects, projects with deferred qualifying time periods, and projects with lengthy application review periods, insert additional rows as needed.

This schedule must be submitted with the original application and any application for tax credit. When using this schedule for any purpose other than the original application, replace original estimates with actual appraisal district data for past years and update estimates for current and future years. If original estimates have not changed, enter those amounts for future years.



SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

02/08/2013

DATE

Schedule B (Rev. May 2010): Estimated Market And Taxable Value

TX Hereford Wind, LLC

Applicant Name

Hereford ISD

Form 50-296

ISD Name

		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Qualified Property			Reductions from Market Value	Estimated Taxable Value	
					Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new building or "in or on the new improvement"	Exempted Value	Final taxable value for I&S - after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O--after all reductions
		pre- year 1	2013-2014	2013	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
		2	2015-2016	2015	\$ -	\$ 800,000	\$ 283,800,000	\$ -	\$ 284,600,000	\$ 284,600,000
		3	2016-2017	2016	\$ -	\$ 760,000	\$ 269,610,000	\$ -	\$ 270,370,000	\$ 30,000,000
Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	4	2017-2018	2017	\$ -	\$ 722,000	\$ 256,129,500	\$ -	\$ 256,851,500	\$ 30,000,000
		5	2018-2019	2018	\$ -	\$ 685,900	\$ 243,323,025	\$ -	\$ 244,008,925	\$ 30,000,000
		6	2019-2020	2019	\$ -	\$ 651,605	\$ 231,156,874	\$ -	\$ 231,808,479	\$ 30,000,000
		7	2020-2021	2020	\$ -	\$ 619,025	\$ 219,599,030	\$ -	\$ 220,218,055	\$ 30,000,000
		8	2021-2022	2021	\$ -	\$ 588,074	\$ 208,619,079	\$ -	\$ 209,207,152	\$ 30,000,000
		9	2022-2023	2022	\$ -	\$ 558,670	\$ 198,188,125	\$ -	\$ 198,746,794	\$ 30,000,000
		10	2023-2024	2023	\$ -	\$ 530,736	\$ 188,278,718	\$ -	\$ 188,809,455	\$ 30,000,000
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2024-2025	2024	\$ -	\$ 504,200	\$ 178,864,782	\$ -	\$ 179,368,982	\$ 179,368,982
		12	2025-2026	2025	\$ -	\$ 478,990	\$ 169,921,543	\$ -	\$ 170,400,533	\$ 170,400,533
		13	2026-2027	2026	\$ -	\$ 455,040	\$ 161,425,466	\$ -	\$ 161,880,506	\$ 161,880,506
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2027-2028	2027	\$ -	\$ 432,288	\$ 153,354,193	\$ -	\$ 153,786,481	\$ 153,786,481
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2028-2029	2028	\$ -	\$ 410,674	\$ 145,686,483	\$ -	\$ 146,097,157	\$ 146,097,157

Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation.

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Schedule C- Application: Employment Information

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		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Construction		New Jobs		Qualifying Jobs	
					Column A: Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	Column B: Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C: Number of new jobs applicant commits to create (cumulative)	Column D: Average annual wage rate for all new jobs.	Column E: Number of qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column F: Average annual wage of qualifying jobs
		pre- year 1	2013-2014	2013	10		0	\$ -	0	
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014	150	\$ 52,000.00	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		2	2015-2016	2015	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
	Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	3	2016-2017	2016	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		4	2017-2018	2017	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		5	2018-2019	2018	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		6	2019-2020	2019	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		7	2020-2021	2020	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		8	2021-2022	2021	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		9	2022-2023	2022	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		10	2023-2024	2023	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
	Credit Settle-Up Period	11	2024-2025	2024	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		12	2025-2026	2025	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
		13	2026-2027	2026	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
	Post- Settle-Up Period	14	2027-2028	2027	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000
	Post- Settle-Up Period	15	2028-2029	2028	0	N/A	6	\$ 46,000	6	\$ 46,000

Notes: For job definitions see TAC §9.1051(14) and Tax Code §313.021(3).

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					Sales Tax Information		Franchise Tax	Other Property Tax Abatements Sought				
					Sales Taxable Expenditures		Franchise Tax	County	City	Hospital	Other	
		Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax/Calendar Year YYYY	Column F: Estimate of total annual expenditures* subject to state sales tax	Column G: Estimate of total annual expenditures* made in Texas NOT subject to sales tax	Column H: Estimate of Franchise tax due from (or attributable to) the applicant	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	Fill in percentage exemption requested or granted in each year of the Agreement	
The year preceding the first complete tax year of the qualifying time period (assuming no deferrals)			2013-2014	2013	\$ 12,100,000	\$ 272,900,000	\$ -	0				
	Complete tax years of qualifying time period	1	2014-2015	2014			\$ -	100%		100%		
		2	2015-2016	2015			\$ -	100%		100%		
	Tax Credit Period (with 50% cap on credit)	Value Limitation Period	3	2016-2017	2016		\$ -	100%		100%		
			4	2017-2018	2017			\$ -	100%		100%	
			5	2018-2019	2018			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
			6	2019-2020	2019			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
			7	2020-2021	2020			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
			8	2021-2022	2021			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
			9	2022-2023	2022			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
			10	2023-2024	2023			\$ 220,000.00	100%		100%	
Credit Settle-Up Period	Continue to Maintain Viable Presence	11	2024-2025	2024			\$ 220,000.00					
		12	2025-2026	2025			\$ 220,000.00					
		13	2026-2027	2026			\$ 220,000.00					
Post- Settle-Up Period		14	2027-2028	2027			\$ 220,000.00					
Post- Settle-Up Period		15	2028-2029	2028			\$ 220,000.00					

*For planning, construction and operation of the facility.

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Checklist Item 21

Map of Reinvestment Zone – Applicant will supplement.

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Resolution Establishing Reinvestment Zone – Applicant will supplement.

Checklist Item 23

Legal Description of Reinvestment Zone – Applicant will supplement.

Checklist Item 24

Guidelines and Criteria for Reinvestment Zone – Applicant will supplement.