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Rep. Kenny Yuko Helps Bring Wind and Solar ARRA Funds to Area

\$1 Million Awarded for Euclid Wind Turbine

COLUMBUS – State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) attended an announcement by the Governor today for a \$1-million grant for a wind turbine in Euclid. Lincoln Electric will install the 450 foot tall turbine at its manufacturing facility there.

“Christmas came early in the city of Euclid this year and for Lincoln Electric, Santa looked an awful lot like Governor Strickland,” said Rep. Yuko, who helped push for the project to qualify for stimulus funding. “While listening to the Governor announce the award for Euclid, I couldn’t help feeling like this is just the beginning of a new era in wind energy.”

Lincoln Electric worked closely with the city of Euclid and Kenersys of Muenster, Germany, an internationally known wind turbine manufacturer, on this project.

The project is one of the first to be awarded from Ohio’s \$96 million State Energy Program, which was accepted by the U.S. Department of Energy on June 26th.

Awarded projects meet the federal goals of the Recovery Act’s State Energy Program to accelerate renewable energy development in Ohio by creating or preserving jobs and reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions.