



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. Supports Ridgetown Campus Renewable Energy Initiative**

**May 12, 2009 - Ridgetown, Ont.** – Sharing a joint interest in developing green energy in agriculture, Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (RES) is pleased to announce its commitment to the Centre for Agricultural Renewable Energy and Sustainability (CARES) at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph.

RES Canada is dedicated to supporting the local community in which its projects are located, and the CARES program specifically targets the integration of environmentally responsible renewable energy into agriculture in Ontario and across Canada. RES Canada is the promoter of the Talbot Windfarm project which will be located just south of Ridgetown.

RES has made a commitment to provide financial support to CARES by contributing \$175,000 to the Ridgetown program, with the possibility of additional contributions in future years. In offering this financial support to CARES, RES is helping this important program grow. This investment will allow the University to carry out its mandate to explore and support several renewable energy options including wind, as they are ushered into rural Ontario.

CARES and Ridgetown Campus support exploring the impacts and benefits of green energy and look forward to a strong working relationship with the RES organization. The Ontario Green Energy Act supports the development of wind energy as a key component of its mandate. “We’re very encouraged that a potential local provider of wind technology approached our campus to support the CARES program. Technology partners are critical to the on-going development of CARES,” said Campus Director, Dr. Art Schaafsma. “This is a natural partnership, as RES will be located in our Ridgetown farm community, and this generous funding will enable the CARES program to enhance its activities in and supporting role for renewable energy.”

“I am encouraged by the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus’ support and enthusiasm for renewable energy, and its keen desire to make advancements in education, research and extension.” said RES vice-president Peter Clibbon. “We look forward to seeing the CARES program and Talbot Windfarm cooperating in the future.”

**About CARES and Ridgetown Campus:** Ridgetown Campus is one of four province-wide campuses of the Ontario Agriculture College, (OAC) at the University of Guelph. The “Centre for Agricultural Renewable Energy and Sustainability” (CARES) is being established at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus as a hub for applied and adaptive research, training and education, technology transfer, and rural community development in bio-energy and the bioeconomy. Through extended interaction with its constituent community, CARES will build on the historic background and current skills of Ridgetown Campus to support the agriculture and agri-food sector by integrating an applied research program. This program will advance innovation and adoption of bioenergy through risk minimization, bench-marking and creation of value added components.

**About RES:** Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. (“RES”) is a member of the RES Group of companies, which has developed and built over 3800MW of wind power projects in Europe and North America. RES is the developer of the Talbot Windfarm project, located south of Ridgetown Ontario. The project was selected by the Ontario Power Authority in a competitive procurement tender and is scheduled for construction in 2010.

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