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Vermont Environmental Research Associates, Inc. (VERA) provides program management and certain analytical, technical and outreach services to the wind power and electric utility industries, and state governments. VERA is a small professional consulting firm with several employees or consultants depending on the projects underway at any one time. Martha Staskus and VERA's capabilities, along with a description of the most significant of this work is summarized below and can be found on VERA's web site www.northeastwind.com.

Vice President

As VERA's involvement in wind power related projects has evolved, so too has Martha's responsibility. For GMP's Searsburg Wind Facility Martha has provided technical and outreach support in numerous aspects including the coordination of before- and after-construction public acceptance surveys, the technical development of Windpower News, and today as primary contact and outreach coordinator. In addition, Martha has had the responsibility for data collection, analysis and performance reporting of the wind power facility.

Martha has contributed to VERA's northeast and mid-Atlantic regional GIS mapping and database development projects and has had the responsibility for creation and maintenance of several websites for VERA and its client's project websites (i.e. www.northeastwind.com, www.vtwindprogram.org, www.kingdomcommunitywind.com). Martha has been a project development coordinator for Deerfield Wind, the first wind proposal on National Forest Service land which is now proceeding through both federal and state permitting reviews and for Georgia Mountain Community Wind (www.georgiamountainwind.com), now in Vermont state permitting review.

Martha has responsibility for the spectrum of outreach materials and presentations VERA provides its clients and general interest groups. Presentations before such groups as the New England Society of American Foresters and the Vermont Energy Partnership benefit the advancement of wind energy throughout the region. Participation in the Vermont Public Interest Group "Global Warming: Warning Signs, Winning Solutions" demonstrates her commitment to the advancement of clean, renewable generation sources. Assistance and project services have also been provided to the Vermont Department of Public Service and Renewable Energy Vermont.

Throughout her business partnership in VERA, Martha continues to maintain responsibility for VERA's overall business administration.

Wind Power and Project Management

After having completed the siting and years of wind resource assessment, in the mid 1990's VERA assisted Vermont's second largest utility to permit the 'largest commercial wind farm east of the Mississippi'. Since its 1997 commissioning, VERA has continued to provide outreach services and plant performance monitoring.

Since the late 1990s VERA's designed and implemented regional-scale wind power site prospecting and evaluation program in the northeastern United States has served first a 'Fortune 100' client, and then more recently several wind power development companies. This extensive effort involved development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) to map, store, and manage data relating to windy land areas in over a half dozen states in the northeast US. In the



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most attractive areas for wind development it also included property owner boundaries and other detailed information. Extensive property owner negotiations, land rights acquisitions, and educational outreach were ultimately part of this effort. Martha is proficient in ESRI ArcMap, and MapInfo, GPS technology.

For the period of 2001-2005, VERA's efforts in the above areas resulted in direct responsibility for the management of client, enXco Inc.'s east coast wind power development. This work culminated with permitting of the 30 MW, Hoosac Project in northwestern Massachusetts and the development and state and federal permitting of the Deerfield Project, a 35 – 45 MW expansion adjacent to the existing Searsburg Wind Farm. Both projects were purchased by PPM Energy in early 2006, and VERA was retained as consultant. VERA provided wind siting work for Noble Environmental Power LLC, from 2006-2008 culminating with early state development of Grandpa's Knob Windpark in Vermont and New Hampshire state permit preparation for Granite Reliable Power Windpark.

More recently, Martha has been project development coordinator for the Georgia Mountain Community Wind project in northwest Vermont, currently in Vermont state permit review and early stage development of Kingdom Community Wind, providing primarily environmental assessment preparation and execution and community outreach services.

Outreach and Educational Services

VERA is a leader in wind power education and outreach services in Vermont and many parts of the northeast. Assisting its clients and wind supporters, VERA uses a variety of medium including websites, Power point presentations, newsletters and brochures to share information and educational resources for a greater understanding on the wind power development process, project progress and general information and education around wind energy technology and development issues. VERA, for its client GMP, has since Vermont's first Governor-declared Wind Energy Day, provided public tours of the Searsburg Wind Facility. VERA, for its client, brought together a range of stakeholders - the Searsburg Collaborative - who prior to permitting jointly shared information on the Deerfield Wind Project concepts.

Martha coordinates these services along with participating and presenting in countless public information meetings and educational forums. She has been a repeat presenter at Renewable Energy Vermont's Annual Conferences as well as at the NWCC New England Siting Workshop, among others.

Memberships

Board Member of Renewable Energy Vermont

Town of Waterbury Zoning Board of Adjustment

VERA is a member of the American Wind Energy Association and Renewable Energy Vermont

Education

1976 - 1980 University of Vermont Burlington, VT
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences

1981 -1982 University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Landscape Architecture Masters Program