

**WHAT OUR PARTNERS SAY ABOUT THE
VOLUNTARY, FINAL LAND-BASED WIND ENERGY GUIDELINES**

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Jamie Rappaport Clark, President and CEO of Defenders of Wildlife

“These Guidelines are part of an approach to developing wind energy that does not sacrifice our wildlife heritage. Wind energy is an important part of our clean energy future, but projects have to be built in the right ways and right places.” “If implemented correctly, these Guidelines should encourage ‘smart from the start’ wind farms that avoid and minimize impacts on birds, bats and other sensitive species.”

Denise Bode, CEO of the American Wind Energy Association.

“The country needs more wind energy for its American manufacturing and construction jobs, environmental benefits, and national energy security. These Guidelines set the highest standard, either voluntary or mandatory, of wildlife protection for any industry.” “It is our hope that in conjunction with rapid training and sensible implementation, the Guidelines will promote improved siting practices and increased wildlife protection that in turn will foster the continued rapid growth of wind energy across the nation.”

David Yarnold, President and CEO of Audubon

“We know America needs more renewable energy and wind power is a key player in that mix. But conservationists can’t have it both ways: we can’t say we need renewable energy and then say there’s nowhere safe to put the wind farms,” “By collaborating with conservationists instead of slugging it out, the wind power industry gains vital support to expand and create jobs, and wildlife gets the protection crucial for survival. These federal guidelines are a game-changer and big win for both wildlife and clean energy.”