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# **NEWS**

## **ALLETE Clean Energy and partners donate \$100,000 to Oklahoma school and fire department near Caddo wind site**

Partners include Caddo contractor Wanzek Construction, turbine supplier General Electric and customer Hormel Foods

Duluth, Minn.— ALLETE Clean Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE (NYSE: ALE), in partnership with nine other entities today announced \$100,000 in donations to the Fort Cobb-Broxtton school district and the Apache Fire Department near the company’s Caddo wind site in Oklahoma.

The donation to the Fort Cobb-Broxtton school district will support the construction of a planned agricultural education livestock facility. The structure will provide students a place to keep their show animals as well as facilities to promote livestock production. Even though the school district is in a rural area, most students who are interested in livestock do not have a place to keep them. The facility will directly enhance the education of 80 students, as well as provide opportunities for the community to promote agricultural events for future generations.

The fire department donation will support the purchase of equipment including a refurbished water tanker, turnout gear, pagers, boots and helmets to help the department more effectively and safely respond to specific situations, including wildland fires and bunker fires.

“Safety is one of ALLETE Clean Energy’s core values, and support for the fire department is a way of enhancing that value to the community. We appreciate our partners’ shared values and support to promote healthy communities near our wind sites,” said ALLETE Clean Energy President Allan S. Rudeck Jr. “As well, ranching and agriculture are a way of life in Caddo County and a huge part of the local economy. We see the school’s livestock education facility as a way to preserve and enhance that tradition.”

ALLETE Clean Energy donated \$26,000, Caddo general contractor Wanzek contributed \$25,000 and Caddo turbine supplier General Electric donated \$10,000. Also contributing are Caddo customer Hormel Foods; Oklahoma City-based law firm Crowe and Dunlevy; Sheppard Mullin, an international law firm based in Los Angeles with 15 offices across North America and Asia; Burns and McDonnell, a construction engineering firm based in Kansas City, Missouri; Siemens Energy and Siemens Gamesa, electrical transformer and turbine suppliers; and Eversheds Sutherland, an international law firm with 74 offices in 35 countries.

“The Fort Cobb-Broxtton School District recognizes the benefits the wind energy industry has provided to many schools across Oklahoma and is looking forward to developing a good working relationship with Caddo wind and ALLETE Clean Energy,” said school Superintendent Kyle Lierle. “This financial support will provide a positive impact on the district’s Agricultural Education program and provide enhanced opportunities for students with their production agriculture projects.”

The Apache Fire Department serves the city of Apache as well as surrounding rural areas, and also provides mutual aid to other area towns.

“The Apache Fire Department would like to thank ALLETE Clean Energy for this much-needed donation that will help the department purchase the equipment our firefighters rely on every time they respond, and also improve our communication capabilities,” said Apache Fire Chief Bobby Claborn Jr.

ALLETE Clean Energy owns and operates the Caddo wind project, which supplies the McDonald’s Corp., Hormel Foods and the Oshkosh Corp. with renewable energy. Caddo is capable of producing 303 megawatts of electricity, enough to power about 110,000 homes.

ALLETE Clean Energy acquires, develops and operates clean and renewable energy projects and is well-positioned to drive additional clean-energy sector growth. ALLETE Clean Energy owns, operates, has in advanced construction and has delivered build-transfer projects totaling more than 1,450 megawatts of nameplate wind capacity across seven states.

ALLETE Inc. is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth; BNI Energy in Bismarck, North Dakota; and has an eight percent equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at [www.allete.com](http://www.allete.com). ALE-CORP

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