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Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz to Join First Wind Officials and Local Leaders to Celebrate Groundbreaking of Hawaii's Largest Wind Project

69MW Kawaiiloa Wind will power economic growth and 14,500 homes on Oahu

WHAT: First Wind will host a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction for [Kawaiiloa Wind](#), which will be Hawaii's largest wind project at 69 MW. Kawaiiloa Wind will be the company's fourth project in Hawaii, and is expected to generate enough electricity to power over 14,500 Oahu homes. Kawaiiloa Wind will produce enough local renewable energy to supply up to 5-10 percent of Oahu's total electric load, significantly advancing the state's goal toward 70 percent clean energy by 2030. Construction on the project is expected to employ local laborers, and Hawaii businesses will be included throughout development and supply chains.

WHO: Speakers will include:

- Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz
- Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
- Mayor Peter Carlisle, City and County of Honolulu
- Paul Gaynor, CEO of First Wind
- Richard Rosenblum, President and CEO, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
- Dee Jay Mailer, CEO of Kamehameha Schools
- Antya Miller, Executive Director, North Shore Chamber of Commerce
- Hermina Morita, Chair, Public Utilities Commission

WHERE: Kawaiiloa Wind
61-488 Kamehameha Highway, Haleiwa, HI 96712
Note: Please RSVP by February 21 by calling 617-960-9521 or sending an email to jlamontagne@firstwind.com. Directions available upon request.

WHEN: Friday, February 24, 2012
11:00 AM

About First Wind

First Wind is an independent wind energy company exclusively focused on the development, financing, construction, ownership and operation of utility-scale wind projects in the United States. Based in Boston, First Wind has wind projects in the Northeast, the West and in Hawaii, with the capacity to generate up to 750 megawatts of power and projects under construction with the capacity to generate up to an additional 195 megawatts. For more information on First Wind, please visit www.firstwind.com or follow us on Twitter [@FirstWind](https://twitter.com/FirstWind).

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