



Ed Smith, Operations Manager employed by Premier Gear & Machine Works located at 17<sup>th</sup> and NW Thurman since 1923. Twenty-six currently employed. Premier Gear is a full service machine and gear manufacturing plant located on a one acre site. During its history, it has made countless machine parts and gears to raise bridges over the Willamette River, to gearing to open and close navigational locks on the hydroelectric dams on the Columbia River. Today we're probably best known throughout the world for our plywood equipment.

Started exploring wind energy market in 2003 but wasn't successful until we attended PDC meetings. PDC invited Premier Gear and seven other local companies to attend Pacific NW Wind Team 2010 in Dallas Texas. The PDC produced flyers, sponsored and marketed the Connectory database and promoted the event through local and national media sources.

The PDC has become a tremendous asset, for local NW companies, to collaborate together, explore and promote the region in wind energy. During the 2010 AWEA conference, Premier Gear gathered numerous contacts from companies interested in doing business with us. Currently we're working with two of these companies. Premier Gear is committed to working with the PDC in establishing Portland Oregon as the Northwest's renewable energy manufacturing center for both OEM's and repair facilities.

Premier Gear appreciates and commends the leadership and forward thinking of the PDC. Because of the success with working with the PDC, Premier Gear once again will attend the Pacific NW Wind Team 2011 in Anaheim California.

*Full Machine Shop Facilities and Gear Cutting Specialist*



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**Parsons, Susan**

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**From:** Ed Smith [e.smith@premier-gear.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011 9:07 AM

**To:** Parsons, Susan

**Subject:** City Council Meeting

Susan,

April 20

Sorry about not returning email last week. I just didn't read the email through. I'll be speaking on behalf of the PDC on wind energy. Below are a few lines from what I'll speak about. Any questions please contact me. You'll respond with date and time?

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Best Regards



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Request of Ed Smith to address Council regarding the Portland Development  
Commission being an asset for wind energy (Communication)

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3. Saltzman		
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