



WARM Training Center

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- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Detroit's Green Wind Power and Workforce Featured on National TV Show

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Tonight at 6:00 pm, the national television show *Renovation Nation* will feature WARM Training Center, Detroit Electrical JATC (Joint Apprentice and Training Center), and Detroit Power Systems – who team up to install the first permitted wind turbine on Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan.

Planted squarely atop WARM's Energy Demonstration Center on Michigan Avenue, just south of Livernios, you will find a small wind turbine. On most days it spins wildly generating free, clean power for the center. This installation is just one of the sustainable building features of WARM's training center, and the perfect job for Steve Thomas the host of *Renovation Nation*.

Steve Thomas joined Thomas Bowes, Assistant Training Director at the Detroit Electrical JATC, Warren Coklow, President of Detroit Power Systems, and Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs Manager at WARM Training Center to install the small wind turbine in May. The *Renovation Nation* film crew captured the momentous occasion, which is set to air tonight. *Renovation Nation* airs on Discovery's Planet Green channel (channel 113 for local cable subscribers) on Thursday's at 6:00 pm.

DTE Energy Foundation and the State of Michigan provided funds to purchase and install the demonstration wind turbine at WARM. "To us, this project goes beyond demonstrating clean green energy." Says Jacob Corvidae, Green Programs Manager at WARM, "It shows the Nation that our city is ready to permit renewable energy projects, and that our 'green' workforce is prepared to take on those projects and succeed in the emerging 'green' economy."

"Since WARM promotes renewable energy, we thought we should go through the process so that we can best help others." According to Bob Chapman, WARM's Executive Director, "And often being an early adopter means things take a little longer than expected." WARM staff spent many hours just securing the permit for the installation, and based on that experience, WARM is now working with other groups interested in installing turbines and with the City of Detroit Building and Planning Department to streamline the process and promote more renewable energy installations in Southeast Michigan.

Steve Thomas, the host of Renovation Nation, travels the country answering the burning questions every homeowner in America has about going green. The show features local green building projects across the country and shows viewers how to make eco-friendly improvements to their own home, from renewable energy to insulation.

The episode will air January 14th, 6:00pm on the Planet Green Channel. More information online at <http://planetgreen.discovery.com/tv/renovation-nation/>

WARM Training Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization located in Detroit, Michigan. Established in 1981, WARM Training Center promotes the development of resource efficient, affordable, healthy homes and communities through education, training and technical assistance WARM offers educational workshops, energy audits, information resources, and green jobs training to Southeast MI residents, businesses, and municipalities. For more information about WARM go to <http://www.warmtraining.org>

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