



Wind Energy Program Technology Portfolio

Low Wind Speed Technology Phase II: Low Wind Speed Turbine Developments in Convoloid Gearing

Genesis Partners LP

Project Description: The involute curve has been used since 1754 to manufacture and improve the load carrying capacity of gearing. The proliferation of computers has exacerbated efforts to substantially increase the “power density” of gears, i.e., more power capacity in less space. Genesis Partners LP has developed and patented a new tooth form that analytically promises major improvements in the power density of gears, especially as applied to wind turbines, while lowering the cost of these devices. This subcontract will support design, shop-tests and field-tests on a limited number of gearboxes with involute and convoloid gears to compare their load carrying capacity. In addition, design scaling of the technology to a much larger wind turbine gearbox is anticipated.

Project Type: Component Development
Total Project Budget: \$1,458,934
Industry Cost Share: \$437,680
DOE Cost Share: \$1,021,254
Planned Project Duration: June 2005–June 2007

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Current Status: Project Underway

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