

# MOAS Project: Wind Energy Demonstration Museum Proposal

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# Outline

A white wind turbine is the central focus, standing on a grassy hill. The background features a range of blue mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground shows a green field with a fence line.

- Project Definition
- Concept Generation
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- Final Design Specifications
- Budget Analysis
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# Project Definition

- The Mary Brogan Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) is adding new exhibits showcasing alternative energy sources
- Our group was given the challenge of designing an exhibit for the museum that would educate the public about wind as an alternative energy source

# Exhibit Expectations

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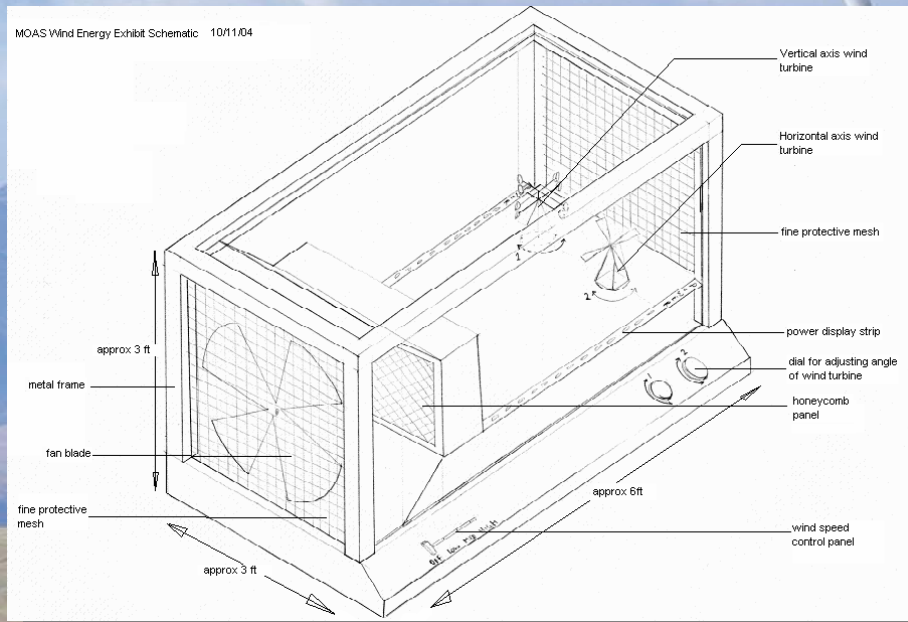
- Child friendly
- Entertaining for all ages
- Durable
- Interactive
- Visually Appealing / Professional Looking
- Safe
- Budget of \$5000
- Project must be completed by April

# Concept Generation

A white wind turbine is the central focus, standing in a field with mountains in the background. The turbine has three blades, one of which is pointing upwards. The background features a range of blue mountains under a blue sky with light clouds. The foreground is a green field with a fence line.

- Before reaching a final design for the exhibit, it went through many iterations
- Ideas and suggestions came from both our sponsors as well as from group members

# Final Design



- Pros

- Multiple Wind Turbines
- Variable Angle Of Attack
- Power Meters
- Flow Control

- Cons

- Limited Visibility due to metal casing

This became the final design concept

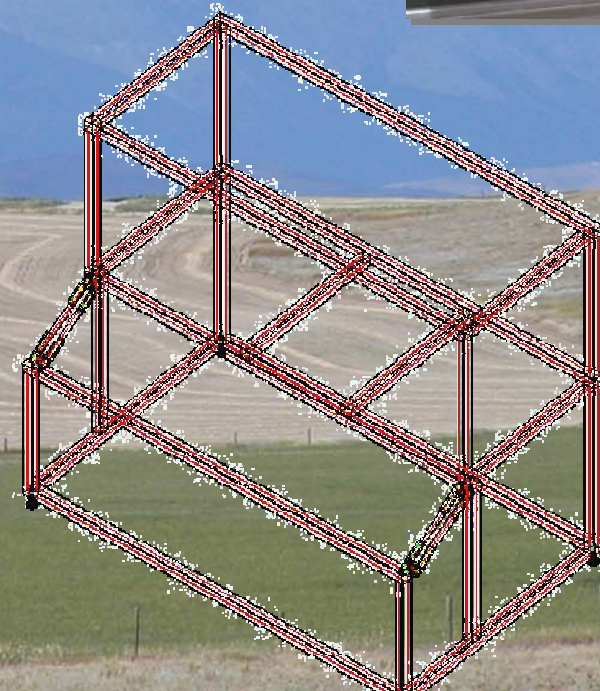
# Component Selection

A white wind turbine stands on a grassy hill. The background features a range of blue mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground is a green field with a fence line.

- Exhibit Casing
- Fan
- DC Motors for Turbines
- Electronics
- Honeycomb
- Pulley System

# Exhibit Casing Selection

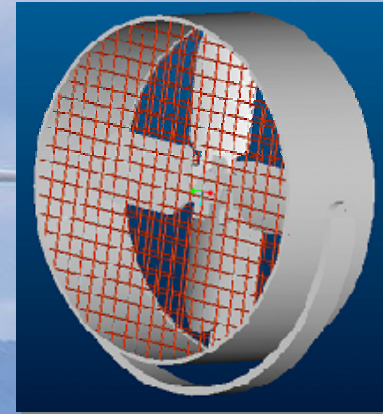
- 80/20 – Aluminum Frame Manufacturer
  - Extruded Aluminum Modular Frame
  - Clear Polycarbonate Sheets to Fill the Openings and Provide an Unobstructed View to the Exhibit
  - Adjustable Leveling Feet
  - PVC Coated Wire Mesh, covers end openings allowing air to enter and exit exhibit
  - Casing cost = \$1500



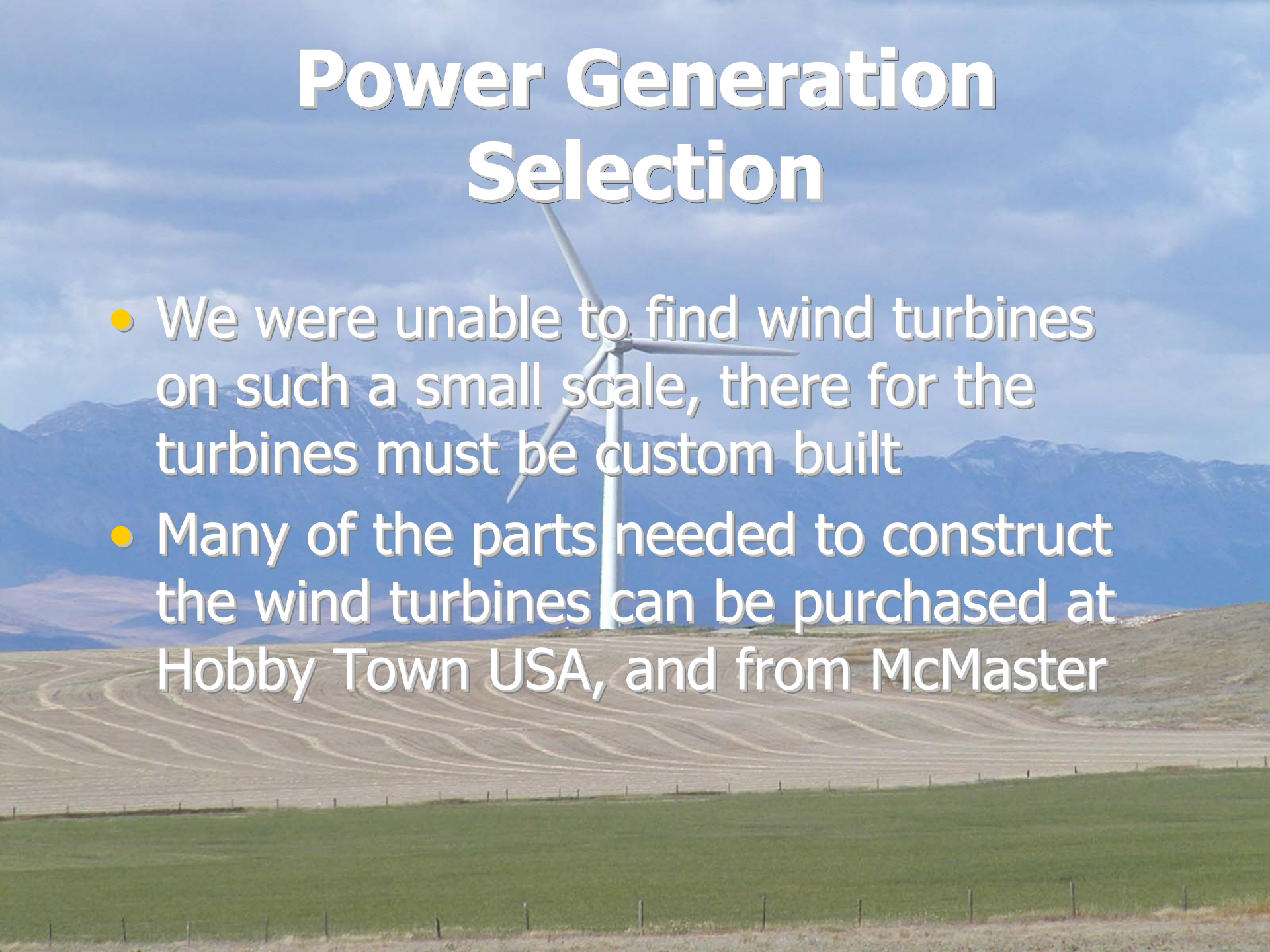


# Wind Generation Selection

- To create a wind stream in the exhibit an electric fan needed to be selected.
- Qmark LDC20 - 20" fan
  - 3 speeds
  - 110V wall source compatible
- Wind generation cost = \$415.25



# Power Generation Selection

A large white wind turbine stands in the center of a vast, open landscape. The foreground is a green field with a fence line. The middle ground is a dry, brownish field with visible tire tracks. In the background, there are blue mountains under a blue sky with light clouds.

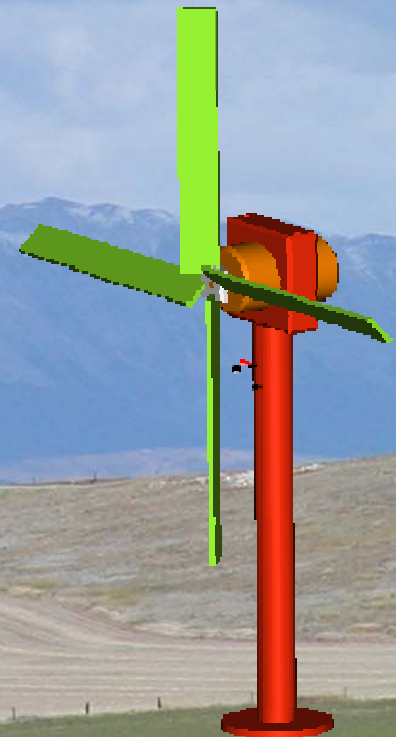
- We were unable to find wind turbines on such a small scale, therefore the turbines must be custom built
- Many of the parts needed to construct the wind turbines can be purchased at Hobby Town USA, and from McMaster

# Power Generation

- Two Types of Wind Turbines
  - Vertical Axis
  - Horizontal Axis
- Support Base
  - Single vertical pole similar to real world applications
- Power Generation cost = \$352.64



Vertical Axis



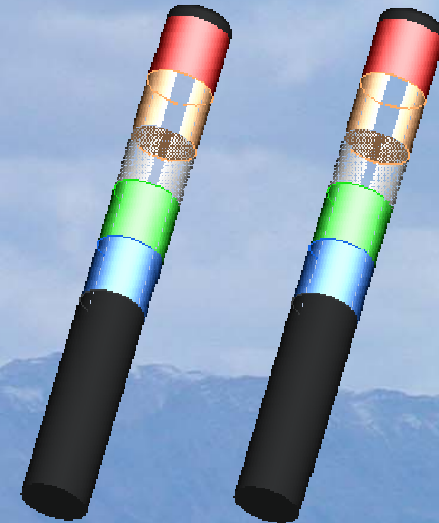
Horizontal Axis

# Electronics Selection

- Purchasing Light Towers from McMaster
- GT Electric will build circuits that will run the light towers from the DC motors
- Hot Wire Anemometer to display the wind speed
- Kill Switch that will turn off the the fan, a specification of the museum
- Electronics Cost : \$1502.37



Kill Switch

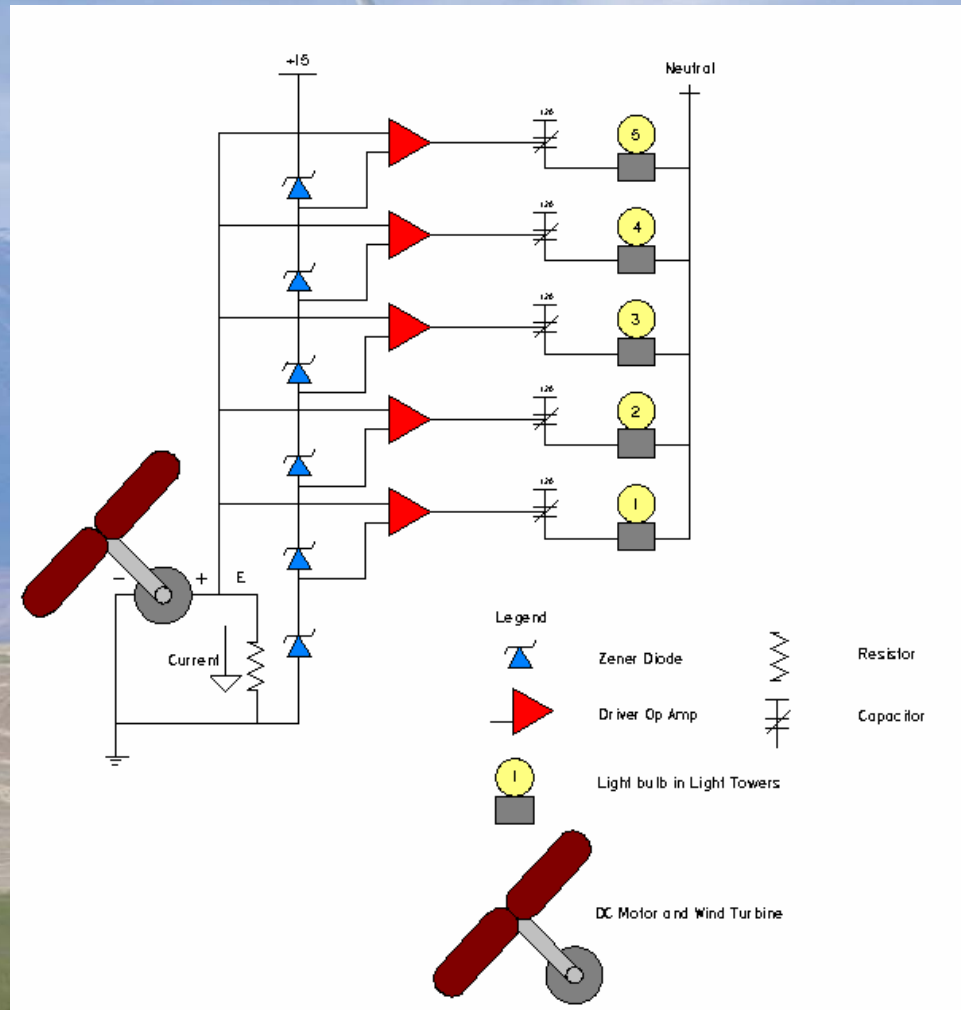


Light Towers



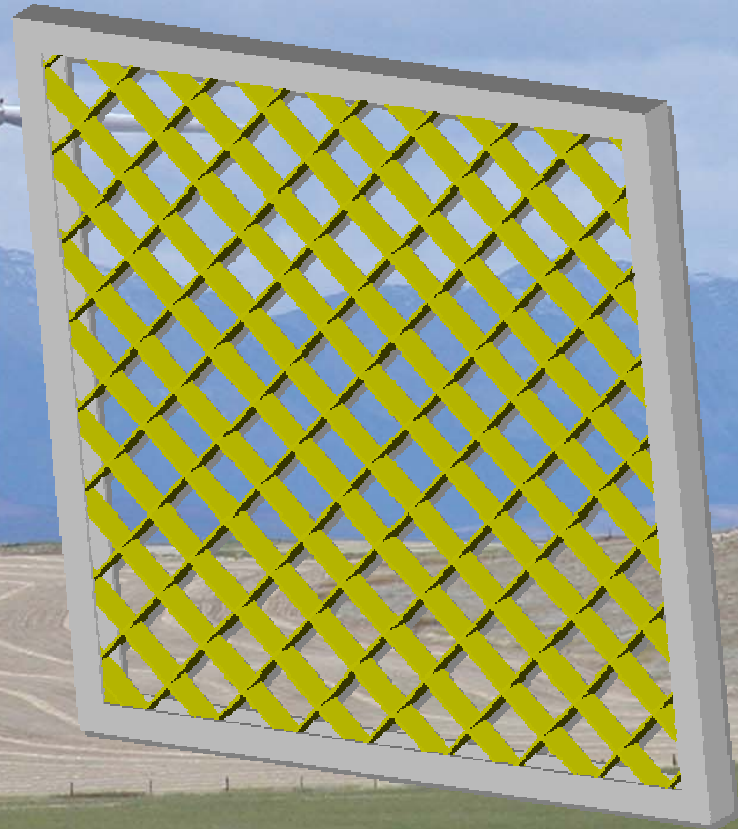
Anemometer

# Power Meter Electrical Circuit



# Honeycomb

- Used to create a laminar wind flow
- Located in front of wind generation fan
- Honeycomb cost = \$100.00



# Pulley Selection

- On the control panel there will be a knob that will allow a guest to rotate the turbines within the exhibit
- The rotation is made possible through the use of pulleys purchased from McMaster
- Pulley System Cost = \$148.53



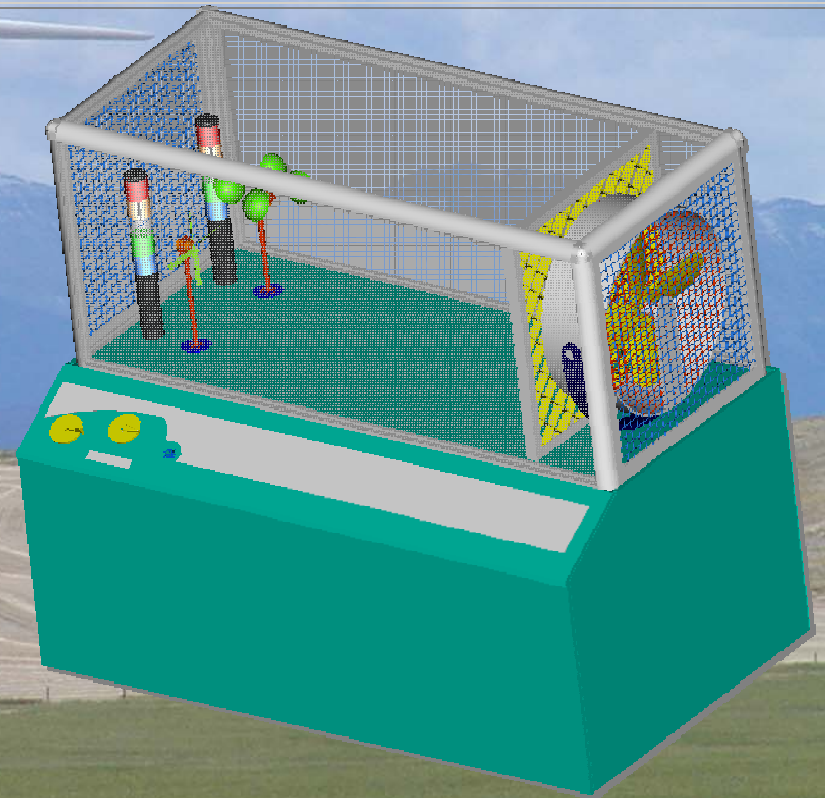
# Final Design Specifications

- Project Analysis

- Exhibit Dimensions and Frame Design
- Frame Material and Building Options
- Cabinet Maker
- Wind Generation & Velocity Measurement
- Electrician
- Budget Analysis

- Components

- Wind Turbines
- Power Meters
- Start Buttons
- Kill Switch
- Honeycomb
- Fan





# Budget



● Wind Generation	\$415.25
● Power Generation	\$352.64
● Electrical Systems	\$1502.37
● Flow Management	\$100.00
● Exhibit Casing	\$1500.00
● Pulley System	\$148.53
● Subtotal	\$4018.79
● Total (With 20% Cushion)	\$4822.55

# Future Work

- Formal Presentation to the Museum
- Begin Ordering Parts
- Deliverables for the Museum 1/28/05
- Start the Assembly of the Exhibit
- Testing of components
- Final Product Delivery to the museum

# Acknowledgments

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- [www.Inspeed.com](http://www.Inspeed.com) - Free Vertical Axis Rotor

# Any Questions?

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