WASHINGTON, DC, March 27, 2012 – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3) was today presented with a USA Wind Jobs Champion Award for his determined support and diligent work in helping to create and sustain U.S. jobs in the wind energy industry and its manufacturing supply chain.

“I’m proud to champion an industry like wind energy that creates family-wage jobs, clean energy, and has interests from energy executives to ranchers to environmentalists pulling in the same direction,” said Congressman Blumenauer. “The advocacy of the American Wind Energy Association and work of Iberdrola and others in Oregon, demonstrates the importance of the Production Tax Credit and what a strong federal partnership with an innovative industry can accomplish.”

Rob Gramlich, American Wind Energy Association’s Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Richard Glick, Vice President of Government Affairs at Iberdrola Renewables, presented Congressman Blumenauer with a commemorative plaque and wind turbine bolt made in the U.S.A. from American steel by the Dyson Corporation of Painesville, OH.

“Congressman Blumenauer’s continued support of the wind energy industry in the state is helping to keep Oregon working and producing valuable goods all across America,” said Richard Glick, Vice President of Government Affairs at Iberdrola Renewables. Iberdrola is the second-largest wind developer in the U.S. with 11 wind farms in Oregon and two natural gas generation plants near Klamath Falls.

In Oregon, the State’s natural wind resources generate approximately 1700 megawatts of electricity. That’s enough power to meet the needs of nearly 700,000 Oregon households. Oregon currently has the 7th most wind power capacity installed of any state.

In 2010 alone, the wind industry supports as many as 3,000 Oregon jobs. At least 8 facilities in Oregon currently manufacture components for the wind energy industry and 1 more has been announced.

“I want to thank Congressman Blumenauer for his strong support of American jobs and private

investment in one of America's fastest growing manufacturing sectors," said Rob Gramlich, senior vice president of public policy for AWEA. "Congressman Blumenauer understands that wind power is creating an American success story, but this success depends on stable tax policy. With the Chairman's strong support, we are working to extend American wind's crucial Production Tax Credit and save tens of thousands of good American jobs in the wind industry."