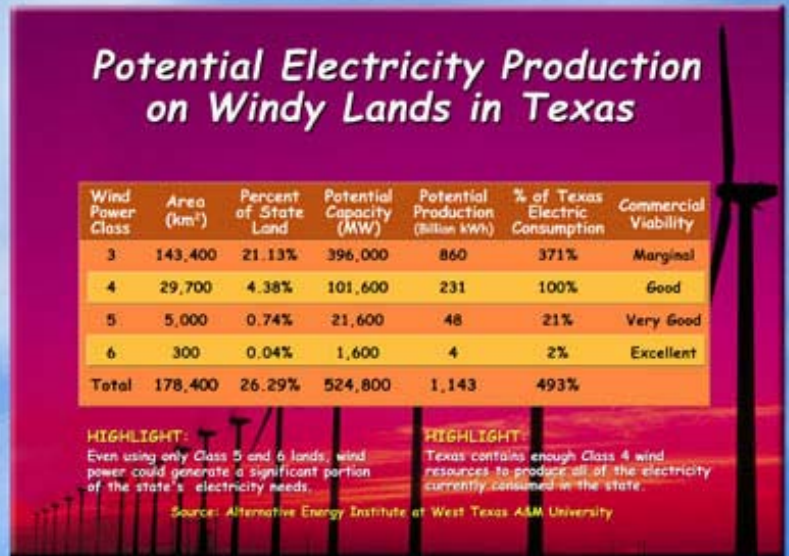
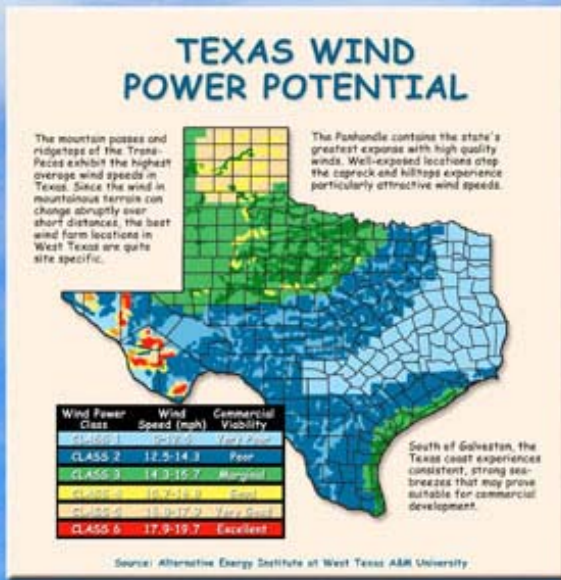


WIND ENERGY POTENTIAL



What is needed for wind to reach its full potential in the U.S.?

- 1 Long-term Consistent Support**
 Expiration and extension cycles of the federal production tax credit inflict a high cost on the industry, cause large lay-offs, and hold up investments.
- 2 Nondiscriminatory access to transmission lines**
 Because wind is variable, wind plant owners cannot guarantee delivery of electricity for transmission at a scheduled time - wind energy needs a new system that recognizes the different nature of wind plants and allows them to compete on a fair basis.
- 3 New Transmission Lines**
 The entire transmission system of the wind-rich High Plains, which covers the central one-third of the U.S., needs to be extensively redesigned and redeveloped.

Source: American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)

