# Sustainable Saunders Solar and Wind Demonstration Project

Customer Requirements Document

A collaborative proposal by the following partners:

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#### Goals

The partners seek to install and operate a small educational, research and demonstration renewable energy testbed on the roof of Saunders Hall. The research and education objectives are to:

- (i) assess small-scale solar and wind generating equipment in real-world conditions
- (ii) construct and refine appropriate, useful, and reliable data acquisition systems for solar or wind electricity generating systems.
- (iii) provide UH students with opportunities to gain real-world and research experience with renewable energy equipment installation, operation, and analysis.

## **Equipment**

### **Initial Electricity Generating Systems (donated by the partners)**

- 1. A pole-mounted vertical axis wind turbine (donated by EMG)
  - estimated maximum output: 1100 Watts
  - install location: exterior, wall mount near the northeast corner of Saunders, at a height suitable to avoid turbulence.
  - dimensions: 3 ft W (cylinder) x 5 ft H
  - expected height above structure: 3-6 ft from top of structure to bottom of turbine.



- 2. A 5-panel photovoltaic solar electric panel set (donated by HEC)
  - estimated maximum output: 875 Watts
  - install location: exterior, rack mount across the northern section of Saunders rooftop, fix pitched at 15 degrees
  - dimensions of full array: 5ft D x 16 ft W x 22.9 inches high from rooftop/rack base







### **Electrical Interconnection Equipment (donated by the partners)**

3. One DCtoAC power inverter (donated by EMG).

Install location: interior, wall mount in the  $7^{\text{th}}$  floor NW electrical/mechanical room

dimensions: 21.8 in. W x 15.5 in. H x 12.75 in. D

weight: 42.87 lbs

4. Five DCtoAC 'micro' inverters (donated by HEC)

Install location: one attached to the back of each solar panel

dimensions: 10.5 W inches x 5.5 H inches x 1.5 D inches

5. Two reference batteries (to smooth the turbine power output prior to the inverter)

- 24 volt system

Install location: interior, floor mount in the 7th floor NW electrical/mechanical room

dimensions: 2 ft W x 1 ft H x 1 ft D

- 6. One dump-load (to offload excess power from turbine)
- 7. One charge controller (again, to smooth the turbine power output prior to inverter)

install location: interior, wall mount in the 7th floor NW electrical/mechanical room

dimensions: 10inches W x 14 inches H x 5 inches D







#### **Data Acquisition**

8. A pole-mounted meteorological station (donated by EMG), capable of logging electronic data for wind speed, wind direction, and solar insolation.

install location: exterior, wall mount near the northeast corner of Saunders, at a height suitable to avoid turbulence.

expected height above structure: 4 ft.

dimensions: (irregular, approximately 2 ft cube)



9. A hardware and software-based Data Aquisition System (Compact Field Point, to be constructed by HNEI), capable of logging data feeds from each power inverter and the meteorological station, and displaying data feeds on a web-based system.

install location: interior, wall mount between the inverters and a TCP/IP connection requires a standard electrical outlet.

#### **Installation**

All equipment is proposed to be interconnected with hard-wire connections. No conduit is available along the rooftop for such wiring, though there does appear to be some spare conduit penetrating the roof vertically, into the 7<sup>th</sup> floor electrical mechanical room at the NW corner.

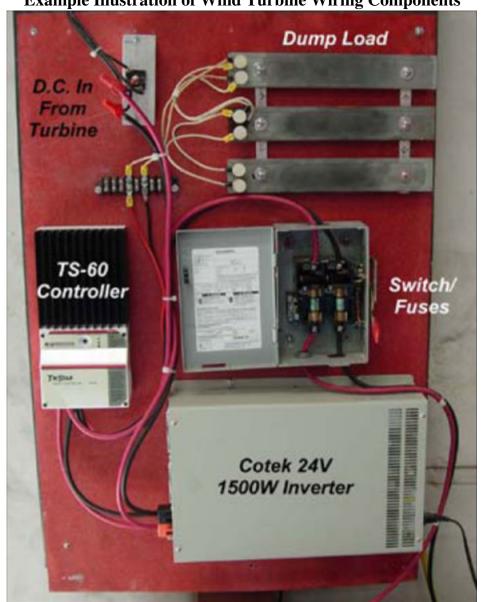


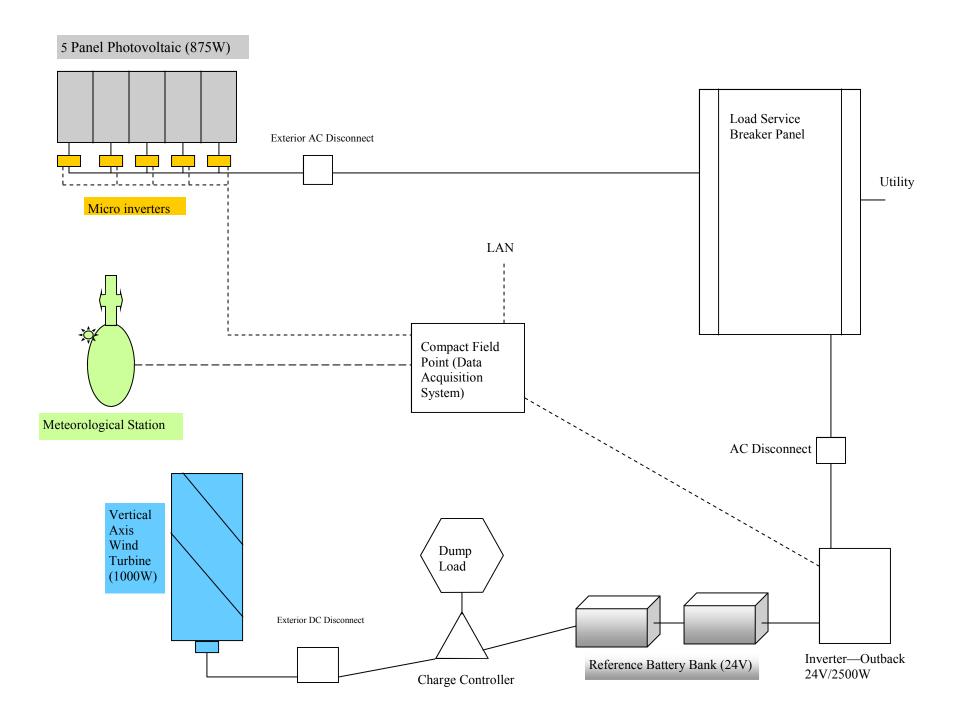


We propose to install the mounting systems and electrical connections in a manner that provides the capacity to:

- (a) remove, replace, or service individual power-generating systems without disrupting operation of the other systems.
- (b) accurately assess power generating efficiencies of individual systems, as a function of observed solar and wind resources in real-time (or nearly real-time)
- (c) archive power generation and meteorological data in accessible forms and stored at redundant locations.
- (d) refine the data acquisition system through hardware and software modifications, without disrupting the power flow from the equipment into the grid.

**Example Illustration of Wind Turbine Wiring Components** 





For the wind turbine, we propose a canting pole mount, with a hinge about 3 feet high and a secure but release-able clasp at the top of the building structure, to allow the pole to swing down from vertical to horizontal within the area wind-sheltered by the elevator shaft structure (for equipment access including maintenance, replacement, etc). We anticipate very infrequent use of this swing capability. We propose a pole of 9-12 feet, to allow the bottom of the turbine to clear the building structure by 3-6 feet. The pole is to be an engineered structure, specifically crafted for minimal deflection and other important characteristics. The mounting brackets are to be through-bolted, avoiding the cement rebar, with a metal backing plate.

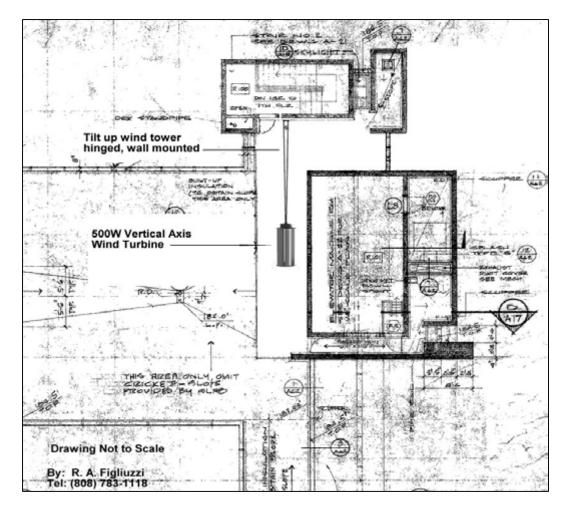








For the meteorological station, we propose a fixed 1 3/4" pole mounted with c-brackets and concretelead anchors installed to avoid rebar in the concrete walls. Ideally, the pole for the met station can be attached to the exterior wall of the elevator shaft, near the rooftop door access.



Draft illustration of SeaHawk VAWT installation at Saunders Hall roof top at UH Manoa

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# **VAWT Components**

PacWind "SeaHawk" VAWT, 500W



Wind Tower (actual length to be determined)



Inverter



**Dump Load** 



**Charge Controller** 

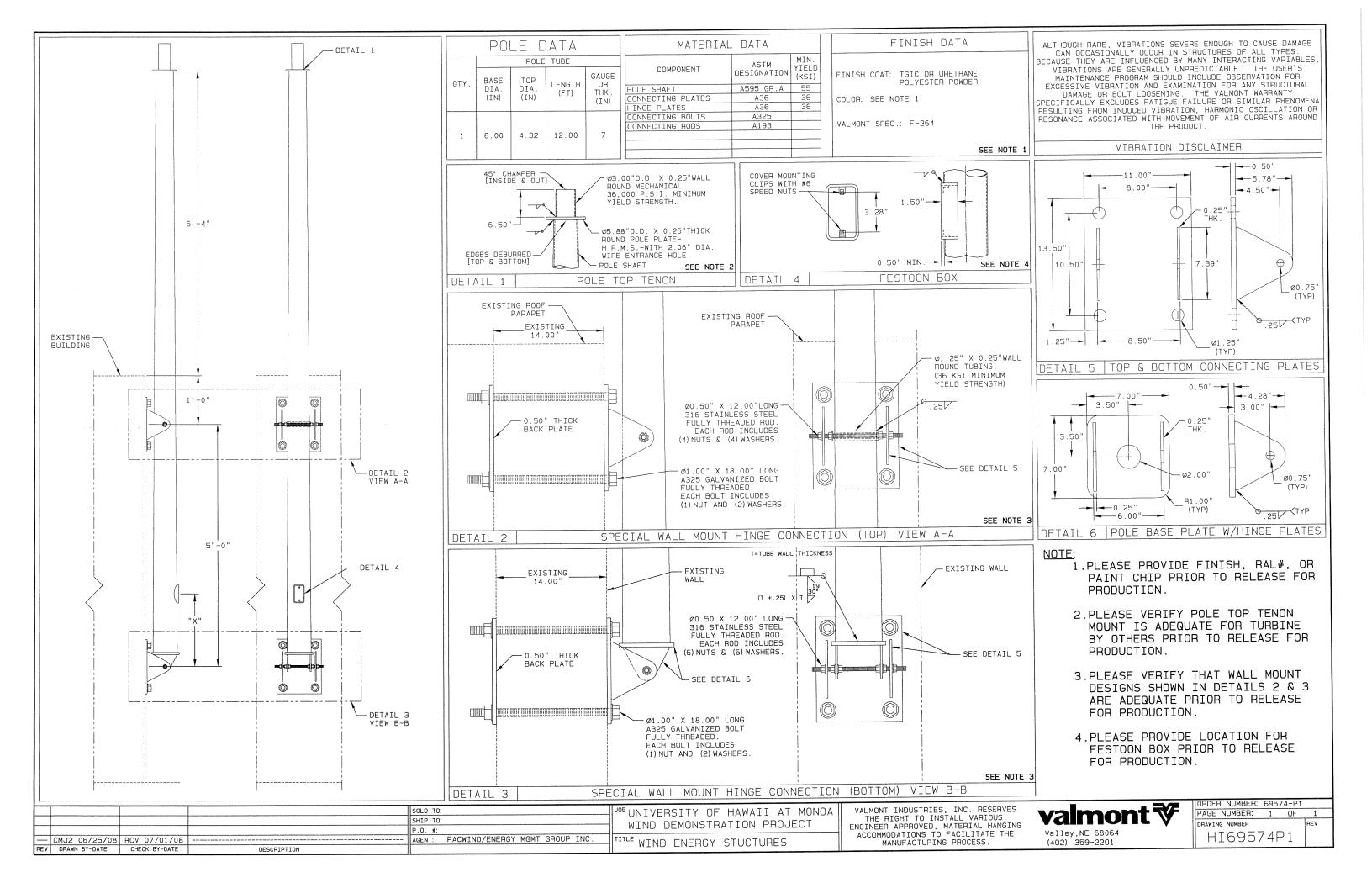


Reference Batteries



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For the solar PV arrays, we propose a ballasted rack system, such as that by Uni-Rac (G-10 series). Such a system will avoid any roof penetration and is engineered for wind safety. It is both modular and portable, to allow flexibility in future developments of the rooftop testbed. *All other equipment on the Saunders rooftop, including the cell towers and research satellite equipment, is mounted with portable ballasted racks*. The rack system is being provided by the Sustainable Saunders Initiative.

