

business climate has never been more favorable

With one of the lowest costs of doing business (CNBC, 2015), companies operating in Iowa benefit from a business-friendly state government and a skilled, productive labor pool. Iowa is a right-to-work state with a superior business climate that offers flexible assistance for qualifying business expansions or relocations.

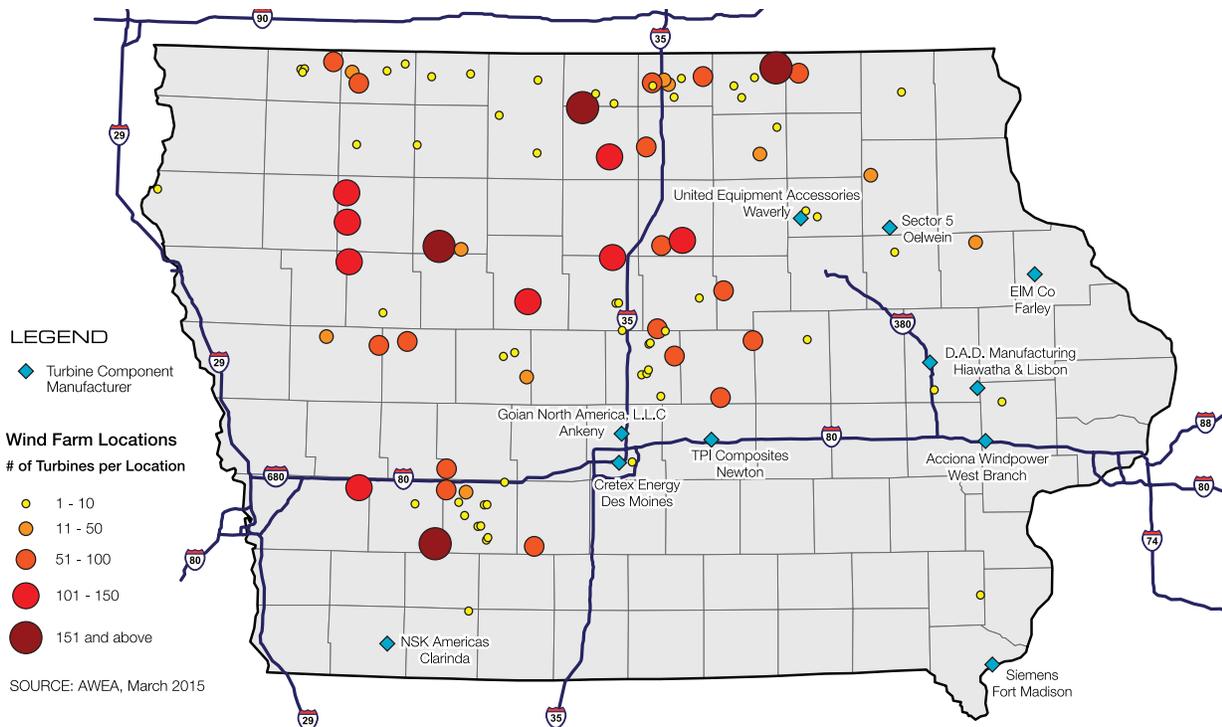
Iowa is centrally located in the heart of a region that not only boasts some of the nation's most abundant wind resources but also where four proposed transmission lines converge to allow Midwestern wind to be distributed into various regional transmission systems.

logistics & transportation advantages

Research demonstrates how proven logistical cost savings and supply chain efficiencies give Iowa manufacturers strategic advantages. The network of interstate highways, recent rail infrastructure investments and improvements, and barge routes combine to provide competitive transportation choices and access to markets.

Companies select Iowa locations because the costs of shipping components in and finished products out are low.

Iowa wind energy component manufacturers, supply chain companies and wind farms

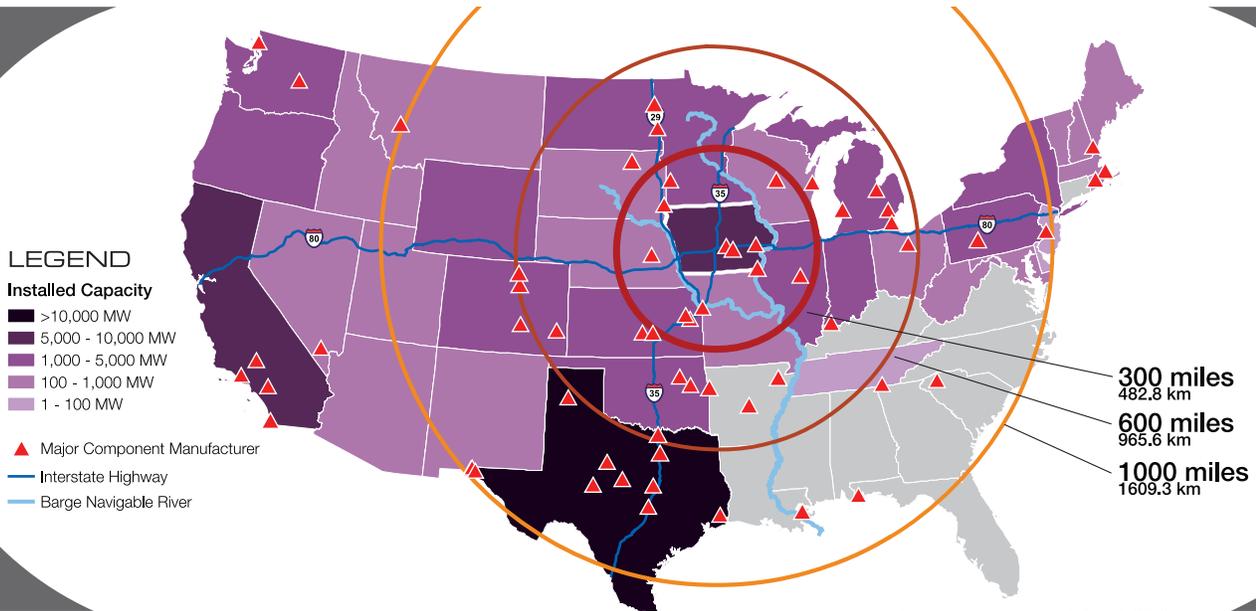


companies at work in Iowa





current installed capacity with turbine component manufacturing locations



Source: AWEA, U.S. Wind Industry Fourth Quarter Market Report, 2013

leading the way

As a pioneer in renewable energy, Iowa passed one of the first Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) in the country in 1983. Iowa not only met its RPS goal but greatly surpassed it.

- Iowa is number one in the nation in wind generation as a percentage of total power output at 31.3 percent. (AWEA, 2015)
- Iowa ranks third in the nation in current wind generation capacity, with 6,212 MW installed. (AWEA, 2015)
- Iowa and its robust supply chain support wind energy by being able to manufacture all major wind turbine components.

- Numerous Iowa community colleges provide programs that facilitate the training needs of wind energy companies. Iowa Lakes Community College's program was the first of its kind in the nation and received the American Wind Energy Association's Seal of Approval. (AWEA, 2011)

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