

business climate has never been more favorable

With the lowest cost of doing business (CNBC, 2011), companies operating in Iowa benefit from a business-friendly state government, technology transfer from world-renowned research universities 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.

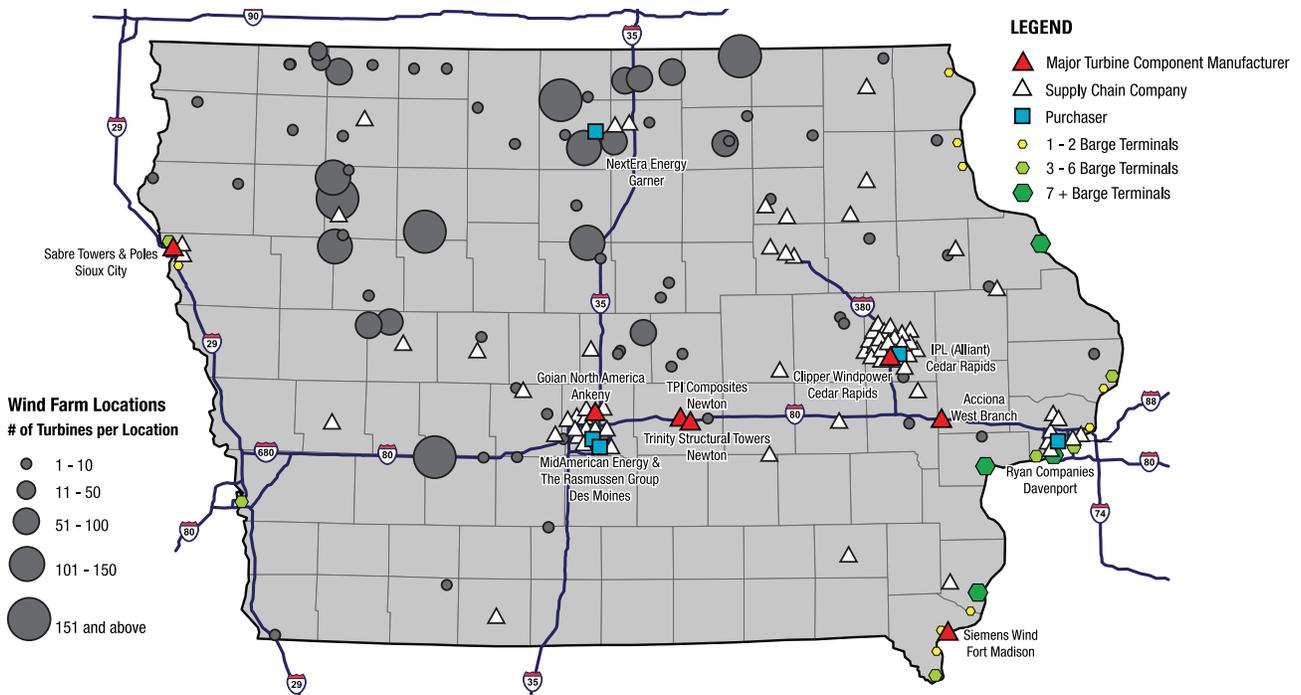
Iowa is centrally located in the heart of a region that not only boasts some of the nation's most abundant wind resources but also where four proposed transmission lines converge to allow Midwestern wind to be distributed into various regional transmission systems.

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 unequaled and competitive transportation choices and access to markets.

Companies select Iowa locations because the costs of shipping components in and finished product out are significantly lower than other states.

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



companies already at work in Iowa



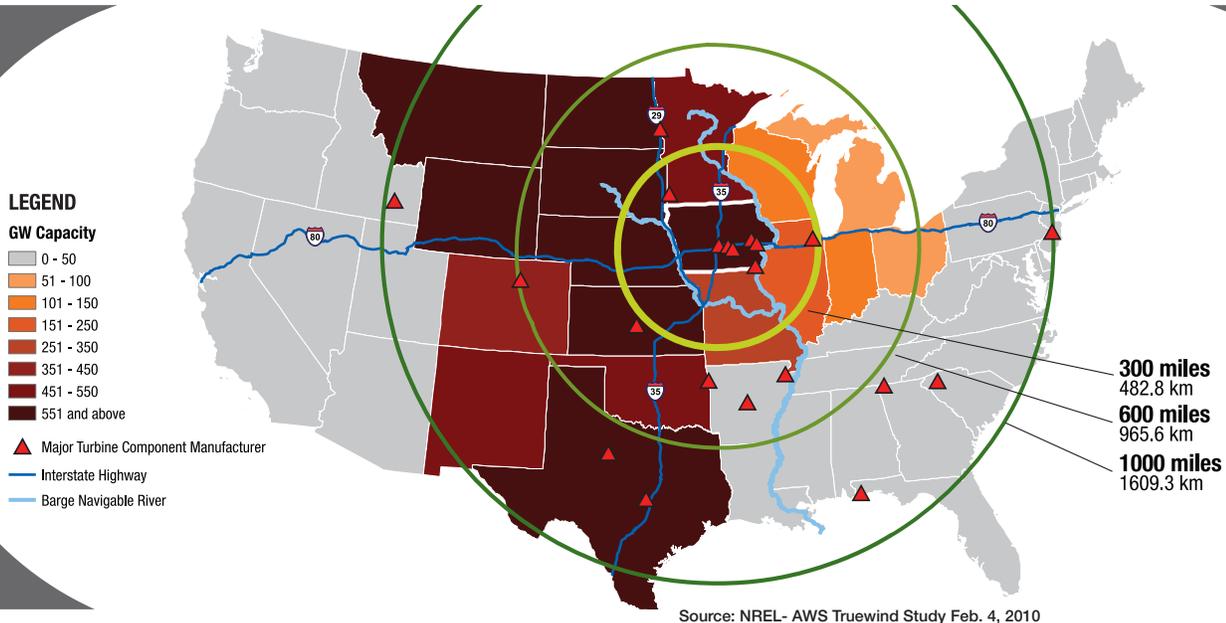
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wind potential with turbine component manufacturing locations



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 surpassed it. The standard has recently been adjusted to reflect a new, more aggressive renewable energy goal.

- Iowa is number one in the nation in wind generation as a percentage of total power output at 22.89 percent. (Iowa Utilities Board, 2011)
- Iowa ranks second in the nation in current wind generation output and second in capacity, with 4,322 MW installed. (AWEA, 2011)
- Iowa and its robust supply chain support wind energy by manufacturing 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 is the first of its kind in the nation and has received the American Wind Energy Association's Seal of Approval. (AWEA, 2011)
- Iowa's wind companies have formed an alliance (IAWIND) with universities, community colleges and state agencies to promote wind energy in the state. Visit www.iawind.org.

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