

5 Reasons Oklahoma IS: Wind Energy

To Establish a Manufacturing Operation in Oklahoma

1 Oklahoma: Your Gateway to North America

Gain access to North America and the leading wind energy market in the U.S. by locating in Oklahoma. The state's central location in the U.S., and its proximity to wind projects, makes Oklahoma an ideal site for relocation and expansion. Oklahoma is also situated in the heart of the wind corridor bordering Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Kansas.



2 Career Ready Workforce

Oklahoma's educational system currently offers training courses focusing on wind tower maintenance and repair along with additional programs that are currently being developed to meet the growing industry demand. Oklahoma's Workforce Team will assist your company with all human resource needs including recruitment, workforce screening, and no-cost/low-cost customized workforce training.

3 Lower Your Cost of Business

Labor costs and industrial electric rates are below the U.S. national average. Oklahoma's overall cost of doing business ranked 10th lowest in the U.S. by the Milken Institute in its 2007 Index.

The Oklahoma Fast Forward Team can help you find the best site, calculate your savings, recruit skilled workforce, **comply with the U.S. legal system, customs, visa requirements and relocation of employees**, assuring your project is on time and within budget.

4 Pro-Business Incentives

Oklahoma's business incentives program offers you a choice of cash back quarterly payments of up to 5% of new taxable payroll or a tax credit on investment or new jobs. Additionally, a 5-year Ad Valorem Property Tax Exemption is available for qualifying manufacturing companies.

5 Statewide Research & Development Support

The Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative, a joint project between the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, investigates and promotes state wind energy resources. It offers a variety of information to potential energy investors and promotes networking among Oklahoma's wind power stakeholders. Also, Weathersphere, an international leader in weather and climate research, is headquartered in Oklahoma.

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Integrated Transportation Systems

Oklahoma has the capacity to deliver and receive wind components from every corner of the world. The state is at the crossroads of I-35, I-44 and I-40. Oklahoma is home to 149 public-use airports, two international airports both designated as Foreign Trade Zones and seven offering commercial services. Oklahoma also has extensive national rail access, operating 19 freight railroads.

Oklahoma's strategic location is able to supply 20 states by waterway. With three in-state ports, Oklahoma has ideal access to North America's growing wind cluster including the U.S. south central states, east coast, the upper Midwest, Great Lakes states, and the Gulf of Mexico, via the Mississippi River.



- The state has 700+ MW of wind generation currently in operation, with a projected 38,000 MW by 2030 to achieve the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Energy Initiative.
- Oklahoma's current developed wind farm capacity ranks amongst the top. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory projects that by 2030 Oklahoma will be the second-largest generator of wind power in the nation.
- Oklahoma's major electric utilities offer wind energy to their customers and Oklahoma boasts potential wind resources to supply 10% of the country's electricity needs.

Available Skilled Affordable Workforce

Occupation	2008 Jobs	Oklahoma Median Hourly Earnings	National Median Hourly Earnings
Transportation, storage, and distribution managers	1,395	\$25.20	\$33.64
Construction managers	10,087	\$22.45	\$30.38
Logisticians	1,866	\$25.85	\$30.25
Aerospace engineers	1,019	\$34.54	\$41.94
Chemical engineers	249	\$32.48	\$37.71
Materials engineers	152	\$29.94	\$35.27
Electrical engineers	1,092	\$29.76	\$36.50
Mechanical engineers	2,286	\$30.54	\$33.57
Production, planning, and expediting clerks	3,924	\$18.15	\$18.38
Shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks	7,525	\$11.35	\$12.49
Weighers, measurers, checkers, and samplers, recordkeeping	648	\$11.44	\$12.14
First-line supervisors/managers of mechanics, installers, and repairers	7,267	\$23.61	\$25.71
Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers	9,311	\$14.03	\$15.11
Power plant operators, distributors, and dispatchers	718	\$25.46	\$27.29

Starting a manufacturing operation in a foreign environment can be complex. Contact the Oklahoma Fast Forward Team today and learn how we can help make your international investing easy.
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