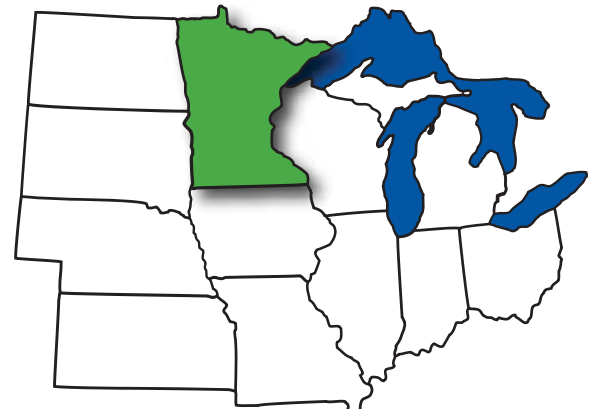


# Growing Minnesota's Green Economy

**T**HE BOOM IN CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY WIND POWER, PRESENTS a tremendous opportunity for economic growth in Minnesota and the Midwest. This boom is creating new construction jobs, long-term operations and maintenance positions, and positive indirect economic benefits from payroll spending, property tax revenues and land leases. Some of the best long-term economic opportunities are coming directly from the manufacturing of wind machine components.



As the Midwest wind industry continues to grow, more wind turbine suppliers are creating jobs here. There are positive economic benefits to the region, and manufacturers also benefit through simplified construction logistics.

With supportive public policies driving wind development in Minnesota, a number of manufacturers are either building facilities in the state or are retooling existing facilities to make wind turbine components. In addition, some of the leading wind energy construction firms are based in Minnesota. The largest are profiled below:

## **Suzlon, Pipestone:**

Suzlon opened its blade manufacturing plant in Pipestone in 2006. The plant is in the "Buffalo Ridge" wind development area, and it produces blades for Suzlon's turbines which are deployed throughout Minnesota and the Midwest.

## **Mortenson, Minneapolis:**

Mortenson Construction is one of the 50 largest construction contractors in the United States. Mortenson is the prime contractor for many large wind projects.

## **D.H. Blattner, Avon:**

D.H. Blattner is a 100-year old construction management firm. Blattner has worked on a number of large wind projects around the Midwest and the nation.

## **WindLogics, St. Paul and Grand Rapids:**

WindLogics is the country's largest wind resource and atmospheric modeling company. WindLogics' analysis and wind assessments are critical steps for development and financing of many wind projects.

