Wind energy means economic development for Louisiana.

There are at least two manufacturing facilities in Louisiana making components for the wind industry. Entering the wind energy supply chain translates into high quality jobs across the state, such as those at Gulf Island Fabrication, which produced the foundations for the nation’s first offshore wind project - the Block Island Wind Farm. GE Renewable Energy, the leading wind turbine manufacturer in the United States, also has a blade R&D facility in New Orleans. As the wind industry experiences continued growth across the nation, even more opportunities will be created for manufacturers and service suppliers.

**Jobs & Economic Benefits**

The U.S. wind industry is a major economic development driver. In addition to job creation and billions of dollars in project investment, the wind industry invests heavily in local communities, providing significant revenue in the form of property, state, and local taxes.

- Direct wind industry jobs in 2019: <500

**Wind-Related Manufacturing**

Over 500 manufacturing facilities in the U.S. make products for the wind industry, from blades, towers, and turbine nacelles to raw components such as fiberglass and steel.

- Number of active manufacturing facilities in the state: 2