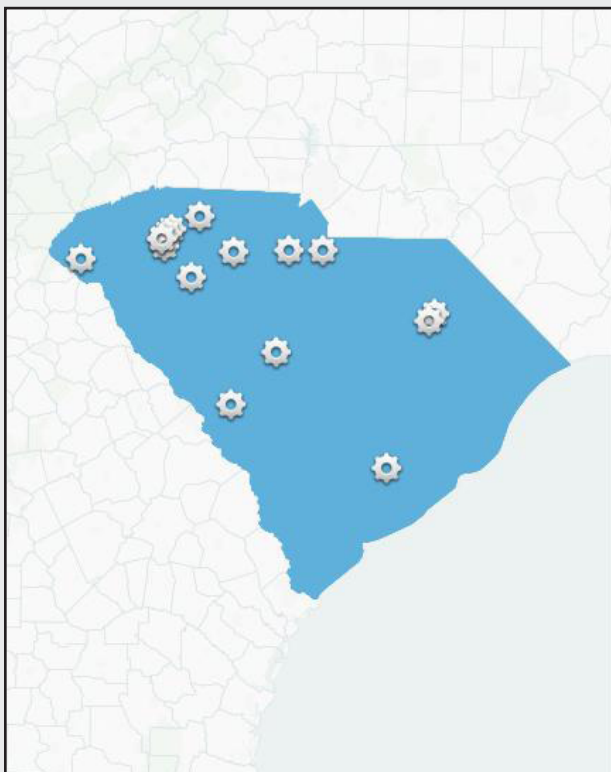




Wind energy means economic development for South Carolina.

At least 16 facilities in South Carolina currently manufacture components for the wind energy industry. GE, the leading wind turbine manufacturer in the United States, has an advanced manufacturing research center in Greenville. Other large companies, such as Kaydon Bearings and PPG Industries, also have facilities in the state. The presence of major manufacturers creates opportunities for existing manufacturers to diversify into the wind energy industry.



BENEFITS Jobs & Economic

An investment in wind power is an investment in jobs, including jobs in operations and maintenance, construction, manufacturing and many support sectors. In addition, wind projects produce lease payments for landowners and increase the tax base of communities.

- 2016 direct and indirect jobs supported: 101 to 500
- Total capital investment: NA
- Annual land lease payments: NA

Wind-Related Manufacturing

The United States has over 500 manufacturing facilities producing products for the wind industry that range from blade, tower and turbine nacelle assembly facilities to raw component suppliers, including fiberglass and steel.

- Number of active manufacturing facilities in the state: 16

 Online Wind Project
  Manufacturing Facility

Note: Calculations based on national and state averages.