



# **Minnesota House Wind Energy Committee Hearing**

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# The Mortenson Organization

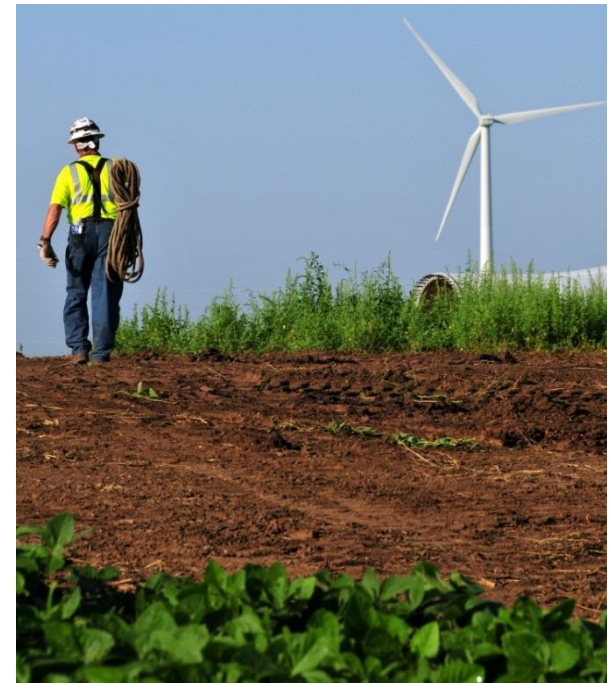


- Mortenson is a Minneapolis-based, family-owned company
- 57 years of experience in the construction business
- 19th largest general construction firm in the U.S.\*
- 11<sup>th</sup> largest energy construction firm in the U.S.\*
- 2,200 team members
  
- The Wind Industry has provided growth and stability for Mortenson and its employees.
- Over 320 team members work in Mortenson's Renewable Energy groups.
- 150 Renewable Energy groups team members are residents of Minnesota

*\*ENR based on 2011 revenues*

# Mortenson and Wind Energy

- Since 1995 Mortenson has constructed 124 wind projects; totaling over 13,000 MW across the US and Canada
- Our construction project scopes have grown from a handful of turbines to large, multi-phase projects spanning hundreds of square miles.
- We've constructed 20 wind projects in Minnesota contributing over 1800 MW of clean energy
- Each Minnesota wind project bolsters our country's larger economy while playing a vital role in sustaining our smaller local economies across the state.



# Wind Farm Construction Works for Minnesota Communities

- Up to 3,000 direct and indirect jobs related to wind in Minnesota
- Revitalizes and significantly impacts our rural communities
- Over \$7.6 million contributed in annual property tax payments to rural communities
- Over \$8 million paid in annual land lease payments to landowners



## During Construction...

- Jobs are created to employ the local labor force
- Major construction contracts are awarded to local businesses and suppliers
- Fabrication, maintenance, and repair shops see increasing business
- More than \$500,000 may be infused into an area's hotels, restaurants, and living facilities due to **construction traveler spending alone**



# The 200 MW Lakefield Wind Project

- **8-month** construction duration
- **170** construction jobs created for Minnesotans
- **75%** of the construction dollars spent with subcontractors and suppliers was spent in Minnesota
- Over **\$30,000,000** in construction spending with **75** Minnesota businesses
- Includes **\$4,250,000** spent with **25** businesses located within 50 miles of the project
- Construction travelers spent over **\$420,000** in living and entertainment expenses in communities surrounding the project
- They supported local families and charities during their time on site

