

NORTH DAKOTA



North Dakota's business climate has gained a reputation for supporting emerging businesses, entrepreneurs, and expansions. The state's growing manufacturing, technology-based businesses, agricultural and energy industries, enhanced with numerous incentives and easy access to government, are drawing some of the world's most recognized companies into the state. Combined with a legendary work ethic and a highly educated workforce, North Dakota has become a dynamic place to establish and operate a business.



The North Dakota Department of Commerce leads the state's efforts to attract, retain, and expand economic wealth. The Economic Development and Finance division provides full service site location, incentive packaging, and business liaison assistance.

Reasons to invest and do business in North Dakota:

- North Dakota was named the #1 top overall growth performer since 2000. *U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2013*
- North Dakota ranked #1 as the "Best Run State in the Nation" for 2012 and 2013. *24/7 Wall Street, 2013*
- North Dakota holds Standard & Poor's highest global credit rating 'AAA.' *Standard & Poor's Rating Service 2013*

Advanced Manufacturing: While the rest of the country has experienced a manufacturing retraction since 2000, North Dakota has enjoyed an expansion. Strong market growth, both domestically and internationally, have contributed to a healthy manufacturing economy in the state. Some advanced manufacturing companies doing business in North Dakota include Bobcat, John Deere, CNH, and Caterpillar.

Value-Added Agriculture: North Dakota is the #1 producer in the United States of 14 different agricultural commodities. Enhanced with attractive business incentives, North Dakota is drawing some of the world's most successful companies to the state. Cavendish Farms, Roman Meal, Cargill, and ADM are just a few of the businesses benefitting from North Dakota's solid business climate and abundant resources.

Technology-Based Business: North Dakota's technology-based business sector is growing and diversifying. North Dakota companies are offering advanced products and services that are positively impacting the lives of people worldwide. Some key technology-based businesses doing business include Microsoft, Nokia, Aldevron, and Amazon.com

Unmanned Aircraft Systems: North Dakota is a leader in Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operations, research and development, testing, evaluation, education and training. North Dakota is one of only six federally designated UAS test sites in the United States where private enterprise, in partnership with public and private research organizations, may pursue new opportunities in the UAS industry. Some key UAS companies doing business in North Dakota include Northrup Grumman, Appareo Systems, and General Atomics.

Energy: North Dakota has a diverse energy industry which includes coal, wind, biofuels, oil, and gas. The state has implemented a comprehensive package of state incentives to stimulate growth in all energy sectors and to create a broad-based energy strategy that maximizes all of North Dakota's energy resources. International energy companies in North Dakota include Stat Oil, LM Wind, MDU Resources, and Tesoro.

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