
NORDIC WINDPOWER TO EXPAND- WILL ADD OVER 200 NEW JOBS IN 2011



Nordic Windpower USA, a California-based wind turbine technology developer and manufacturer, revealed a plan to relocate its operations to Kansas City, Missouri that will result in the hiring of over 200 workers and a total capital investment of about \$126 million in the area. The company currently holds its headquarters and operations in California and Idaho and will transfer to Kansas City in the spring of 2011. The relocation plan is expected to boost Kansas City's local employment rate and will further improve the city's economy. Nordic aims to build its plant at the KCI Intermodal Business Centre, a Dallas-based Trammell Crow Co.

Nordic Windpower CEO, Tom Carbone, expressed his excitement over the upcoming project. "Nordic Windpower is very excited to be working in Kansas City, with its strong sense of community, talented work force, and proximity to transportation and our community wind customer base in the central wind corridor. Right from our first meetings we had in the spring, Kansas City quickly came to the top of our list."

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said that the Nordic investment is a vital move for the state's growing wind industry. "As we look at Missouri's economic future, we know that energy will be a high-growth industry in our state. By expanding the production of clean, renewable and domestic energy in Missouri, we provide reliable power for our communities, and we fuel the economy of the future."

Nordic will also bring a total of 25 relocated employees to facilitate the initial operation. While its 64,000-square-foot new manufacturing headquarter is being constructed, the company will temporarily lease an office space at the old Farmland Industries building, 12200 N. Ambassador Drive.