

## Wind Power

Soon to be the worlds leading supplier of turbine blades? Arkansas.



### *Industry Overview*

In July 2007, LM Glasfiber announced plans to open a new facility in Little Rock. The plant, which will begin operations in 2008, is projected to employ more than 1,000 people within five years. The Little Rock plant will be the company's third North American production facility; effectively doubling the capacity of the existing factories in Grand Forks, North Dakota and Gaspé, Quebec.

Governor Mike Beebe commented that, "LM Glasfiber... elevates Arkansas's presence among the growing state and national interest in the renewable energy industry. This development is another step forward for our state's economy in today's global marketplace."

### *Why Arkansas*

Arkansas is strategically located among the states with the greatest wind generating capacity making production, distribution and maintenance of wind turbine parts and systems advantageous. Other factors contribute to Arkansas's positioning as the ideal base of operations for wind-related production facilities. Some of these are:

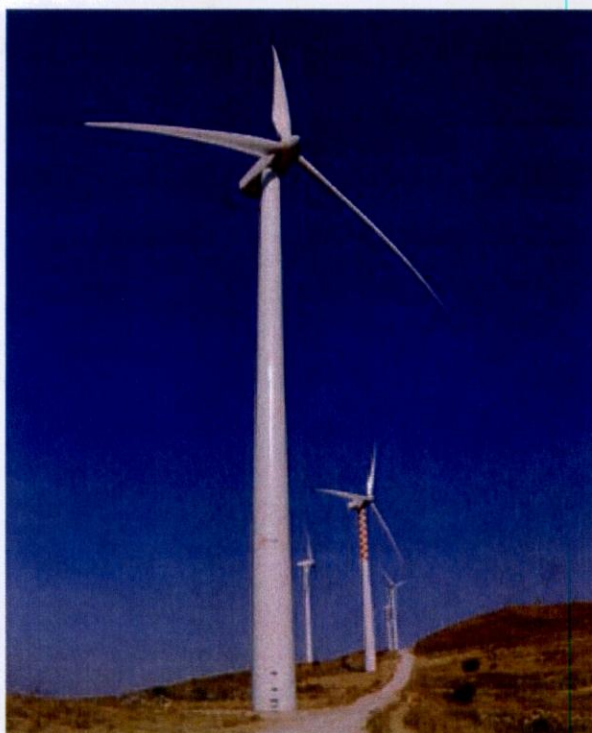
#### **State program support**

- The Arkansas Energy Office, which is the lead organization in Arkansas for the promotion of energy efficiencies and new technologies, contributes greatly to the state's effort to incorporate adoption of renewable energy into its economic development agenda.

- The Energy Office is a "one stop" resource for alternative energy and is the link between federal energy policies, market evolution and economic benefits in the state.

#### **Available and affordable real estate**

- Arkansas has an estimated 177 industrial sites ranging from as little as five acres up to 4,000 acres.



#### **Strong manufacturing capacity in relevant industries**

- Arkansas has a strong manufacturing workforce, with 19.5 percent of its working employed in the manufacturing sector, compared to 11.8 percent nationally.