

INCREASING WYOMING'S PROSPERITY



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Every day, Wyoming rolls out the proverbial red carpet for businesses with an impressive bundle of financial and strategic advantages: one of the country's best overall cost-of-doing-business ratings, which includes low labor and utility costs, plus one of the most pro-business tax climates in the country—advantages as widespread as the plains that sweep across our state.

Take a closer look and discover what the many thriving businesses here already know: While the state's iconic logo symbolizes our "Old West" past, surely it's our vibrant, pro-business culture that symbolizes our future. Perhaps your company's future, too.



HEARING THE VOICE OF BUSINESS

Wyoming's open-door, access-to-legislators stance is especially attractive for start-up companies in highly-regulated industries. Giving businesses unfettered face time with the people who can most impact business is pure Wyoming—and it means getting things done, because access to decision makers is more manageable here than in other states. This access, coupled with numerous grants, loans and incentive programs, provides businesses with critical financial resources.



POPULATION & LABOR FORCE

Wyoming's population has been growing at nearly twice the U.S. average the past five years, and the state has a labor force growing nearly six times as fast as the U.S. average. This signals the availability of a solid labor force of skilled workers for businesses now and in the future.

FAVORABLE TAX CLIMATE

NO State Income Tax
Inventory Tax

LOW Sales Tax (4 Percent Statewide)
Property Tax

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Wyoming is located at the crossroads of the West. You will find ready access to major consumer markets, and to materials and resources your business needs to operate.

Three Interstate highways:

I-80 (NJ to CA)

I-25 (NM to WY)

I-90 (MA to WA)

915 interstate miles cross Wyoming



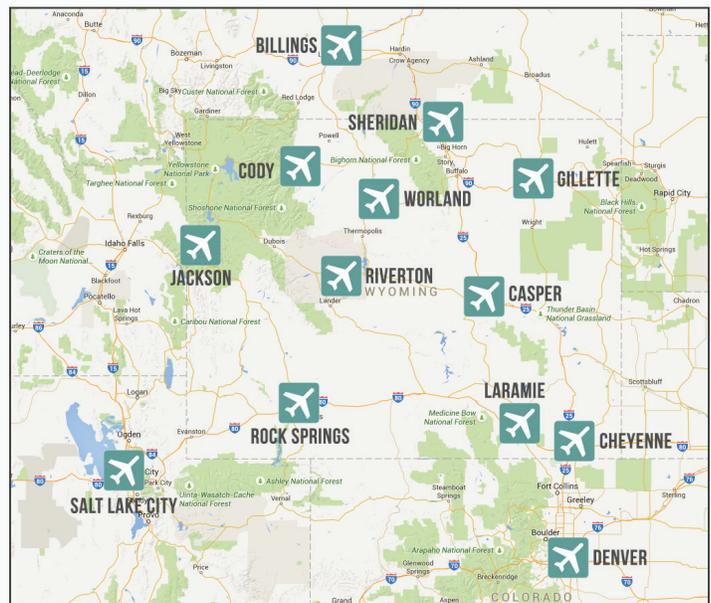
There are 10 commercial airports in Wyoming, with final destination service to major cities around the world.

Wyoming airports have 10 domestic carriers: American, Air Wisconsin, Delta, Frontier, Great Lakes Airlines, Mesa, Northwest, SkyWest, United Express and United.

Three major international airports about the state in Billings, Montana; Denver, Colorado, and Salt Lake City, Utah.



Two class one railroads connect Wyoming to major markets.





QUALITY OF LIFE

Cost of Living

In addition to Wyoming having a cost of living rating that's below the national average, natural factors such as extremely high air and water quality, and a diversity of prominent educational establishments underscore the region's appeal to individuals and businesses alike.

Climate

Wyoming's climate is much more comfortable than the national average. At an average altitude of 6,000 feet, the temperature in Wyoming rarely exceeds 100 degrees F.

EDUCATION

A cornerstone of Wyoming's pro-business culture is a pro-collaboration educational system. Companies throughout the state enjoy easy access to the University of Wyoming and its educational, research and training resources.

In addition, companies will find a community college system willing to expand its offerings to meet their staffing and training needs. Together, this means you have a skilled labor force and a wealth of ways at your disposal to train your employees, as well as opportunities for research.



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING (UW)

Located in Laramie with outposts throughout the State, this four-year university provides baccalaureate and graduate education, and combines major university benefits and small school advantages with more than 180 programs, an outstanding faculty and world-class research facilities.

The University maintains the UW/Casper College Center, nine outreach education centers and Extension Service Centers in all 23 counties and on Wind River Indian Reservation.

Wyoming's Community College System

Wyoming's seven community colleges provide affordable, quality services to all students.

As comprehensive institutions, they provide not only two-year transfer degrees, but many customized certificate and industry-specific programs, as well.

UTILITIES

Electric

Commercial rates below the national average.

Source: Energy Information Administration, August 2015

Natural Gas

Natural gas rates 25 percent below the U.S. average (retail).

Source: Energy Information Administration, July 2012.

Telecommunications

There are nine telecommunications providers near I-80 and throughout the rest of the state. Nearly 80 percent of the housing units in the state of Wyoming have broadband access through telco, cable or wireless providers.

Plentiful, Inexpensive Water

Wyoming has ample water available due to high levels of precipitation, large supplies of groundwater through a series of aquifers throughout the state, and its geographic location as a headwater state.



Wind

Wyoming's wind resource can offer great renewable energy opportunities. With areas of the state ranking as Superb Resource Potential by the National Renewable Energy Laboratories (NREL), Wyoming is one of the most favorable locations for wind power development in the country.



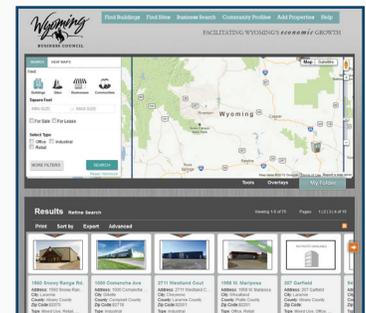
WYO RECS RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT DISCOUNT PROGRAM

WyoRECs is a partnership formed in 2013 between the Wyoming Business Council and Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) to offer discounted renewable energy credits (RECs) to companies interested in taking advantage of green energy to power their growing Wyoming operations.

SITES & AVAILABLE PROPERTIES

Wyoming is full of flat, wide-open spaces perfectly suited for large site operations, and flat sites allow for berms and buffer zones.

Wyoming has available sites and buildings across the state, ranging from shovel-ready industrial parks with hundreds of available acres to shell buildings and existing industrial buildings. For the most current inventory, please visit: www.wyomingsites.com.



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