

# Data & Information Technology



## Success Stories

### \$1 Billion +

Capital investment by **Microsoft** since 2012. The tech giant has expanded at its current location in Cheyenne over five times, and announced in late 2021 that it would be expanding its cloud services with two new datacenter locations in the city. The newest facilities will use adiabatic cooling which uses outside air instead of water for cooling when temperatures are below 85 degrees F.

### 534 Quadrillion

Calculations per second the “Cheyenne” supercomputer at the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center is capable of. The latest supercomputer, announced in 2021, will be named Derecho after an intense, fast-moving windstorm. It will rank among the top 25 fastest supercomputers in the world.

### \$35 Million

Invested by **Lunavi** in its most recent expansion in Cheyenne. The company also has 10 data center sites across the nation but continues to be headquartered in Wyoming.

# \$2.25 MILLION

data center cost reduction grants available to reimburse utility expenses over three years.



#### SALES TAX EXEMPTION



on data center equipment, HVAC and UPS for qualified data centers.

#### PERMIT EXEMPTION



Data centers are exempt from Industrial Siting when locating in an existing industrial or business park, shaving \$500k and up to 18 months off new projects.

#### TRAINING GRANTS



Up to \$5,000 per employee available to train employees for new positions.

# WYOMING

## BY THE NUMBERS

#1 BUSINESS FRIENDLY TAX CLIMATE

NO CORPORATE OR PERSONAL STATE INCOME TAX

NO INVENTORY TAX

NO FRANCHISE TAX

NO OCCUPATION TAX

NO VALUE-ADDED TAX

## ACCESS TO MARKETS

**9 COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS** and Wyoming is close to international airports in Salt Lake City, UT, Denver, CO, and Billings, MT.

**CROSS-CONTINENTAL INTERSTATES** Two cross continental interstates - I-80 and I-90 - plus I-25, which stretches from near the northern border of the state to New Mexico.

## Advantages

### FAVORABLE CULTURE

Wyoming enjoys easy access to year-round recreation opportunities and wide-open spaces. Here, the great outdoors and economic opportunity go hand-in-hand, making it an ideal location for an expanding tech sector.

With available training funds from the Department of Workforce Services, and the addition of a Datacenter Academy at Laramie County Community College, there are upskilling opportunities to help datacenters attract and retain a knowledgeable workforce.

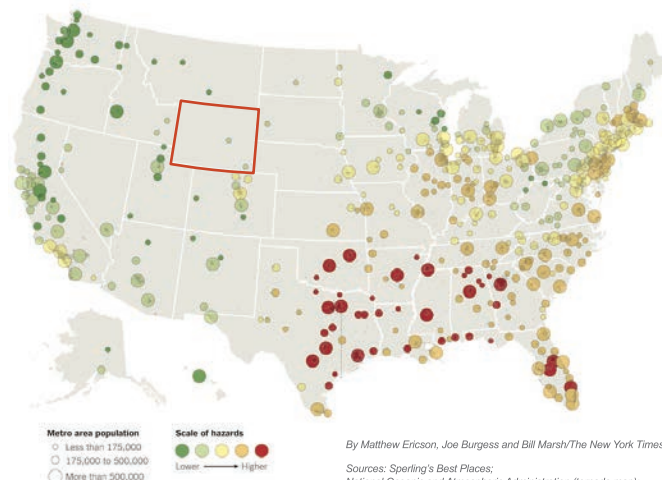
### FAVORABLE CLIMATE

Current wind energy production sits at 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation with an additional 3,503 megawatts under construction. This includes the Chokecherry Sierra Madre site, which will be the world's largest wind project at 3,000 Megawatts.

**Climate Profile:** Closer to the clouds is cooler for business. Wyoming's climate, characteristically cool and dry, is much more comfortable than the national average. On average, Wyoming claims the lowest number of cooling days (more days below 85 degrees) in the region, and at an average altitude of 6,000 feet, the temperature in Wyoming rarely exceeds 100 degrees F. For most of the state that means maximum temperatures in July range between 85 and 95 degrees F.

### Low Disaster Risk

While natural disasters can happen anywhere, Wyoming is relatively bullet-proof when it comes to usual threats such as earthquakes and tornadoes. Our central location keeps the state safe and your business up and running.



By Matthew Ericson, Joe Burgess and Bill Marsh/The New York Times  
Sources: Sperling's Best Places;  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (tornado map);  
University of Miami (hurricane map);  
U.S. Geological Survey (earthquake map)

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