

# DATA & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

## SUCCESS STORIES

### \$1 BILLION+ CAPITAL INVESTMENT BY MICROSOFT SINCE 2012

Since 2012, the tech giant has expanded at its original location in Cheyenne, WY multiple times and announced plans in 2021 that included two additional campuses spread throughout the community. These newest facilities use adiabatic cooling, prioritizing the use of less water. With these recent expansions, Microsoft added 250 megawatts of electrical generation just in 2024 to the Cheyenne grid and load-serving substations.

### META'S \$800M AI-OPTIMIZED HUB TO BREAK GROUND

In July 2024, Meta announced plans to build an \$800 million, 715,000 sq. ft. project on over 900 acres at the High Plains Business Park in south Cheyenne. The center will optimize AI performance for Meta's online products, which include Facebook, Instagram, and Messenger.

### BLACK HILLS ENERGY POWERS DATA CENTER WITH RELIABLE SOLUTIONS

With over 10 years of successfully serving the energy needs of data centers in the Cheyenne area, Black Hills Energy has become well known for its cost-effective energy and mission-critical reliability. The company uses innovative tariffs to support energy demands for their data center customers, including large energy demands that allow them to customize energy resources through a procurement model that protects existing customers from rate impacts.

## \$2.25 MILLION

DATA CENTER COST REDUCTION GRANTS ARE 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 FOR 18 MONTHS OFF NEW PROJECTS.

## PRE-HIRE GRANTS

ARE AVAILABLE TO TRAIN POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES FOR A NEW OR EXPANDING BUSINESS TO FIT ITS SPECIFIC SKILL SET. FIND OUT MORE AT [WYOMINGWORKFORCE.ORG](http://WYOMINGWORKFORCE.ORG).



LEARN HOW CHEYENNE HAS CAPITALIZED ON ITS ASSETS TO BECOME A HUB FOR DATA CENTER ACTIVITY.

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“Lunavi continues to grow within Cheyenne because it continues to be a great place for our business. With other tech leaders like Microsoft and Echostar in the region, there is now a larger pool of technology resources and expertise to support continued expansion in the area, including homegrown talent for our entry-level roles.”

- SAM GALEOTOS

CEO, Lunavi in Cheyenne, WY

## ADVANTAGES

### FAVORABLE CULTURE

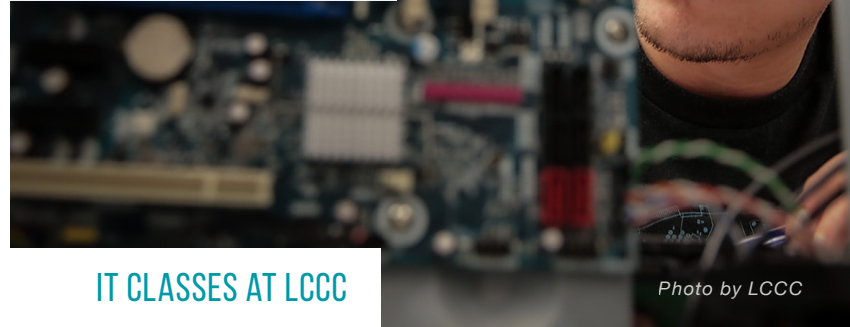
Wyoming enjoys easy access to year-round recreation opportunities and wide-open spaces. Here, the great outdoors and economic opportunity go hand-in-hand, making it an ideal location for an expanding tech sector.

### PIPELINE FOR TALENT

With available training funds from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services and the addition of a Datacenter Academy at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, there are up-skilling opportunities to help data center attract and retain a knowledgeable workforce.

### FAVORABLE ENERGY CLIMATE

Renewable resources in the Cheyenne area continue to grow with expanding wind production by Nextera Energy, and the addition of large solar projects from Southern Power Company and Enbridge.



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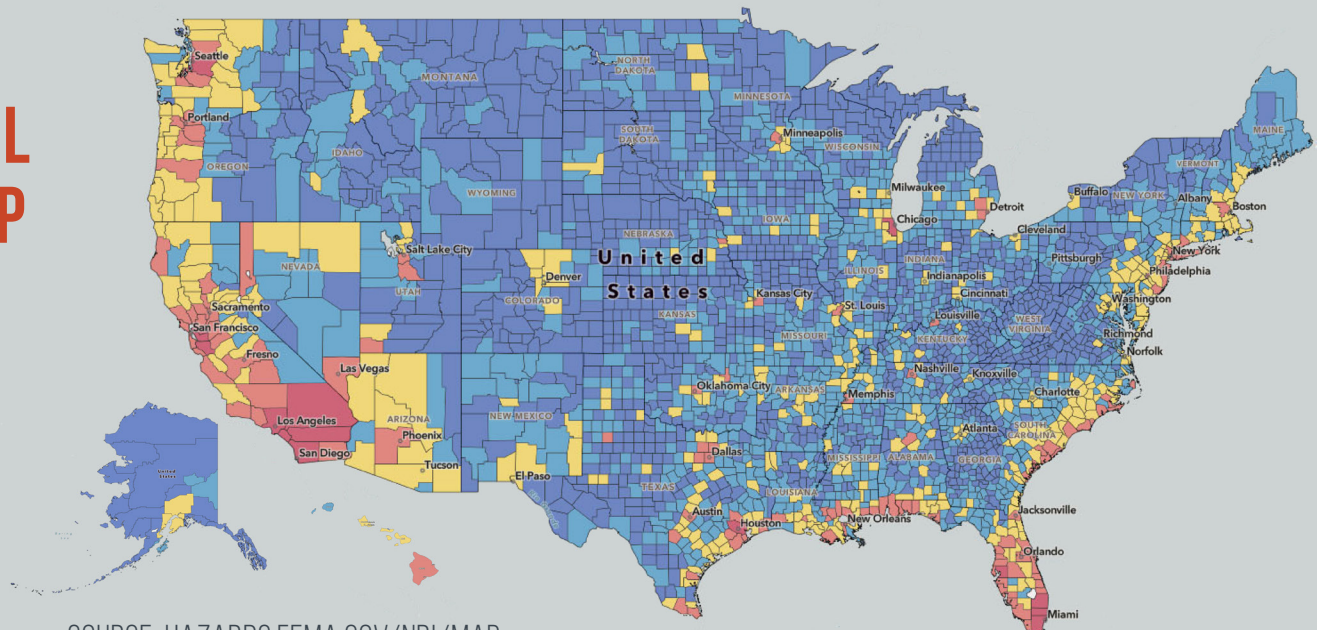
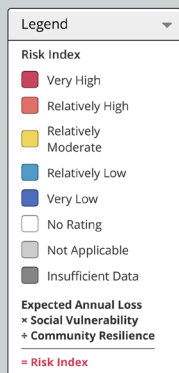
Photo by LCCC

**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 ranging 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.

## FEMA NATIONAL RISK MAP



SOURCE: HAZARDS.FEMA.GOV/NRI/MAP