

Wind Energy Policies and Incentives

Federal, state, and local regulations govern many aspects of wind energy development. The nature of the project and its location will largely drive the levels of regulation required. Check the DSIRE database of federal and state renewable energy policies and incentives(<http://www.dsireusa.org/>)

To learn about primary federal incentives for developing and investing in wind power, resources for funding wind power, and opportunities to partner with the U.S. Department of Energy and other federal agencies on efforts to move the U.S. wind industry forward, see [Advancing the Growth of the U.S. Wind Industry: Federal Incentives, Funding, and Partnership Opportunities](https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/downloads/us-wind-industry-federal-incentives-funding-and-partnership-opportunities-fact) (<https://www.energy.gov/eere/wind/downloads/us-wind-industry-federal-incentives-funding-and-partnership-opportunities-fact>).

Ordinances Database

Wind energy ordinances adopted by counties, towns, and other types of municipalities are one of the best ways for local governments to identify conditions and priorities for all types of wind development. These ordinances regulate aspects of wind projects such as their location, permitting process, and construction. The standards specified in ordinances provide clarity to wind developers and the public. Ordinances may also address issues of community impact such as: land use, noise standards, and safety.

The WINDEXchange ordinances database is a collection of U.S. wind energy ordinances at the state and local levels; it is not exhaustive. If you would like to submit a wind energy ordinance that is not represented in the database, please email Frank A. Oteri (<mailto:frank.oteri@nrel.gov?Subject=wind%20ordinance>).

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