

## **Nebraska Wind Facts**

- Nebraska ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in available wind.
- There are up to 4,000 direct wind energy jobs in Nebraska.
- Wind projects contribute \$8.5 million in annual state and local tax payments.
- Through 2018, the state has benefited from capital investment of \$3.5 billion in wind projects.
- Nebraska landowners hosting wind turbines have received annual lease payments exceeding \$5 million.
- In 2018, wind energy provided <u>14.1% of all in-state electricity production</u>.
- Equivalent number of Nebraska homes powered by wind in 2018: 497,900

## **Basics Facts About Wind Power**

- The U.S. now has enough installed wind capacity to power over <u>30 million American homes</u>.
- In 2018, there were <u>57,636 wind turbines</u> in operation in the U.S.
- A new wind turbine can generate enough electricity to power 860 American homes for a year.
- In 2018, wind turbines generated <u>6.5 percent</u> of the total electricity delivered to American consumers. <u>Wind generation topped 275 million MWh in 2018</u>.
- In 2018, the wind industry supported <u>114,000 jobs</u> across all 50 states and Puerto Rico.
- Wind energy supports a thriving domestic manufacturing sector with over 500 factories in 42 states producing components for the wind energy industry. At the end of 2018, the wind industry supplied 24,000 manufacturing and supply chain jobs.
- The wind industry provides well-paying jobs for veterans. The wind industry <u>employs veterans</u> at a rate that is 67 percent higher than the national average.
- Wind projects pay more than \$1 billion every year in taxes to state and local governments, and to private landowners in lease payments.
- In 2018, the electricity generated from wind turbines avoided an estimated <u>201 million tons of carbon pollution</u> or more than 43 million cars' worth of CO2 emissions.