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### **Elkhorn Ridge Wind Energy Project is Producing Power**

The Elkhorn Ridge Wind energy project, constructed by Carstensen Contracting, Inc. is now providing electricity to the Nebraska Public Power district. The project is located near Bloomfield, Nebraska and includes 27 Vestas wind turbine that are each capable of generating 3 MW of electricity at full capacity. Elkhorn Ridge is the largest wind energy project in the state, with a total capacity of up to 80 MW of electricity.

Carstensen Contracting, Inc. served as the EPC contractor for the project. They designed and constructed the roads, foundations, operations and maintenance building, and substation, erected the wind turbines and installed the collection system. The project was completed in December 2008.

The \$140 million project was permitted and developed by Midwest Wind Energy in Chicago. In its first five years of operation, the project is estimated to provide over \$7 million in local taxes and lease payments to land owners.

Carstensen Contracting offers wind energy, general contracting, concrete paving, underground, and site preparation services to customers across the United States. Since 1980, CCI has built a reputation as a company that offers quality construction and innovative thinking. Their wind energy services include general contracting, foundation design and construction, civil design and construction, tower and turbine installation, electrical design and installation, and building construction. For more information on Carstensen Contracting, Inc. visit [www.carstensencontracting.com](http://www.carstensencontracting.com)

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