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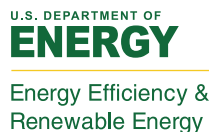
The EERC is recognized as one of the world's leading developers of cleaner, more efficient energy as well as environmental technologies to protect and clean our air, water, and soil. The EERC, a high-tech, nonprofit division of the University of North Dakota, operates like a business and pursues an entrepreneurial, market-driven approach to research and development in order to successfully demonstrate and commercialize innovative technologies. The EERC leverages and enhances government research dollars by developing working partnerships with industry, government, and the research community.

Currently, the EERC employs more than 330 people and is aggressively expanding its staff. Since 1987, the EERC has had more than 1120 clients in all 50 states and 51 countries. In FY2010, more than 93 percent of its contracts were funded by nonfederal sources. The EERC's research portfolio totals more than \$194 million and consists of a wide array of strategic energy and environmental programs.



The EERC's Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization, one of 11 Centers of Excellence at the EERC, is a worldwide leader in developing technologies for, and promoting the use of, biomass, wind energy, and alternative fuels. With support from the U.S. Department of Energy Biomass Program, the EERC is currently working with a suite of corporate partners to advance technologies for producing ethanol, biodiesel, and other valuable chemicals; turn forest and agricultural residues into valuable resources for heat and power production; integrate biomass gasification with state-of-the-art solid oxide fuel cell technologies; create a suite of new fuel formulations for aviation and transportation; and advance new technologies to provide renewable liquid fuels for battlefield and domestic military operations.

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Grand Forks' diversified and vibrant business environment supports companies of many kinds and will work with your company every step of the way to ensure a smooth and successful expansion in Grand Forks.

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