## Economic Development: Models, Lessons Learned and Regional Considerstions

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### Siemens Timeline

- June of 08-responded to a blind RFQ from Department of Commerce
- July of 08—Had our first site visit from Siemens
- Sept 08– 2<sup>nd</sup> site visit/team
- Jan-09 Siemens officials were introduced to state officials
- May of 2009-Siemens announced Hutch location
- Sept 09—groundbreaking at State Fair
- November 09-construction begins

### **TEAM COLLABORATION**



### Opportunites

- Supply Chain
- Several Looking at Region
- Newton Project-Tindal
- Draka, Jupiter



### Denmark Trip

- September 2010
- Two Purposes
  - Build Relationship with Siemens
  - Talk with potential suppliers
- Tour Nacelle and Blade Facilities
- Suppliers







#### Lessons Learned

- Never give up—may seem like a long shot but have to get involved to have a chance
- Preparation and follow up
- Leadership -point person
- Available war chest
- Shovel ready site

### Salt City Business Park



# LUCK = Opportunity met with Preparation

### Where Are We Today

- Grand opening last Friday—December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 3 nacelles built (650 per year)
- ▶ 150 hired
- Projected 400 by end of 2011

### Siemens-Nacelle #1



## Siemens-Grand Opening Dec 3, 2010



Siemens-July 2010



### 2.3 MW Unit



### 3.0 MW Unit



Big Truck

