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## Wind turbine plant breaks ground in Story City

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STORY CITY – Twenty-three permanent jobs and an estimated \$500,000 per year in state and local tax revenue are coming to Mid-Iowa with today's groundbreaking for NextEra Energy Resources' Generation Repair and Service facility.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver was on hand this morning, April 1, to welcome the company to Story City, as were State Sen. Rich Olive, D-Story City, and other state, county and local elected and economic development officials.

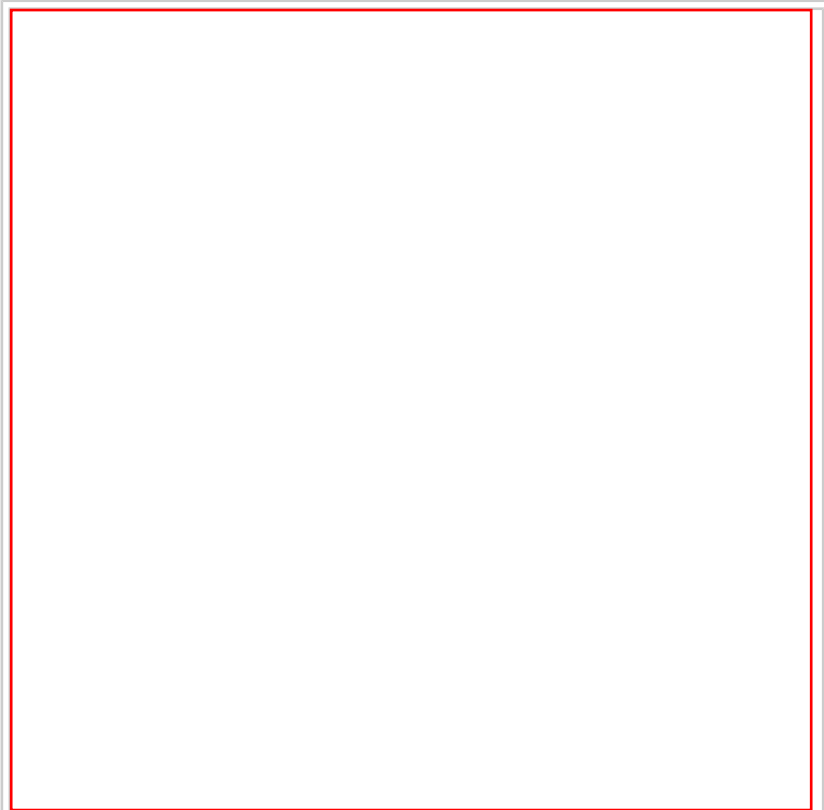
Ames-based Story Construction will enlarge an 18-month-old spec building at the Story City industrial park to 90,000 square feet, according to company President Mike Espeset.

An office space will be added to the west end of the building and a workshop to the east end. The construction work will employ 75 people, Culver said.

NextEra senior Vice President T.J. Tuscai said when complete, the facility will repair and store parts for the company's entire North American operation. Its completion will raise the company's Iowa investment to nearly \$2 billion, he added.

For more, read the Thursday, April 2 edition of The Tribune.

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Iowa Governor Chet Culver (middle) helps break ground of the NextEra Energy Resources' Generation Repair and Service facility in Story City on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Photo by Ronnie Miller/The Tribune

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