

**COMPANY:**  
Reed & Reed

**LOCATION:**  
Woolwich, Maine

**INDUSTRY/SECTOR:**  
Large renewables

**COMPANY INFORMATION:**  
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# Reed & Reed: Making wind power a breath of fresh air for the Maine economy



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## Clean Energy Boosts Maine's Economy

As Maine's only commercial-scale wind farm contractor, they've seen first-hand how money from these projects stretches far beyond just the local businesses to the entire supply chain: from insurance and banking to fuel and lumber purchases; from reinforcing steel, computers and security services to vehicles, tires, construction supplies and fabricated products. Most of the heavy construction equipment comes from fleets owned, serviced, and maintained here in Maine by companies like theirs. And if there is still any doubt about how these wind projects affect local economies, last fall while at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kibby Wind Power Project, a local town official said: "Reed & Reed has been this area's economic stimulus package."

The largest expense for wind farm development, after the actual cost of the turbines, is construction costs. This translates into jobs. Construction of a commercial-scale wind farm includes numerous contractors: prime contractor, clearing, earthwork, drilling & blasting, electrical, mechanical, concrete and O & M building. Vendors include concrete suppliers, reinforcing steel, steel fabrications, fuel, lumber & supplies, and ports and longshoring vendors. These projects also include the need for consultants in the areas of electrical, structural and civil design, as well as environmental, survey and geotechnical consultants. Almost all of these services come from Maine businesses and employees.

And Reed & Reed has grown as well. In order to build commercial wind farms, the company has hired new managers, engineers, surveyors, equipment operators, laborers, millwrights, drivers, riggers, electricians and carpenters. The wages for these positions are high and these are jobs with good benefits (health, retirement, 401k plans) and as long as the state can continue to attract future wind farm projects, they will remain here.

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**Wind Power Services**

Reed & Reed has been selected as a Champion of Economic Development by the Maine Development Foundation for its work in Wind Power and they have been recognized in the Congressional Record as a leader in the field of wind power technology. They have received numerous Build Maine Awards for their wind power projects. This recognition is befitting of not only the hard working employees but the company's commitment to innovation and environmental responsibility. Wind power presents possibly the greatest economic opportunity that Maine has had in a generation. Not only will wind power push this state toward the goals of energy independence, but it will lower the cost of energy in Maine while pumping hundreds of millions, even billions of dollars into the economy. And in the meantime, companies like Reed & Reed are prospering, gaining new skill sets, hiring more employees and pumping more money into local economies.



**Worker Profile:**

Jackson Parker, Jr. and Gardiner Parker

"We can't wait go to work each day knowing that we are building wind farms that will produce sustainable, green energy for decades to come. Greenhouse gases may be the greatest threat of our generation. Wind Power not only helps reduce them but also provides a means for energy independence and 'green' economic growth for our state. We are proud to be a part of Maine's green energy future."

**Worker Profile:**

Jack Parker, Reed & Reed CEO

"Our company, Reed & Reed of Woolwich, Maine has been building commercial scale wind projects in New England for almost 4 years. We are proud to be playing a vital part

in creating clean, renewable energy for our country. Wind Power may be only part of the solution but these wind turbines are some of the most visual and majestic reminders that we can and MUST do more to save our planet."