

Case Study Capital Wind Farm

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Industry Capability Network (ICN) helped Australian industry win substantial contracts for construction of Infigen Energy Australia's Capital Wind Farm, based at Bungendore, NSW. A standout success for local industry was the construction of 67 steel towers at 80 metres each.

According to ICN's NSW Southern Region Manager, Wally Hirsch, the Capital Wind Farm contracts secured by Australian producers Keppel Prince and RPG Australia are just the start of a new industry in renewable energy.

Between them, Keppel Prince and RPG built the towers now standing to the east of Lake George for the project's main contractor and turbine supplier Suzlon, rather than being imported.

Towers were just one of the project requirements that ICN helped the Renewable Power Venture Group's main contractor, Suzlon with. Suzlon said, "ICN was in touch with the project team at the outset of the project to advise on the capability of local companies that could help in the successful completion of the project".

Regional Victorian manufacturer Schneider Electric produced the transformer kiosks for the project.

ICN introduced local companies for electrical works, civil works, specialised transport, and a host of project supply and subcontracts. Many of the successful suppliers will continue to supply products and services throughout the ongoing operation of the wind farm.



Infigen has started work on the Woodlawn Wind Farm nearby and is partnering Suntech in a joint venture project for the Bungendore Solar Farm, a solar photovoltaic project with a generating capacity of 30 to 50 megawatts.

This will turn the Capital Wind Farm site into a renewable energy park. Infigen has engaged with the local community for some time now and this is reflected in Infigen's commitment to maximising local employment via the construction and through-life-support of the farm.

ICN has appointed Rob McCullagh as the National Sector Manager – Clean Technology, following funding from the Australian Government, through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

ICN considers that the renewable energy sector holds great opportunities for Australian industry.

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