At Meta, we strive to give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. Our data centers, like the one in Altoona, Iowa, help bring that mission to life by enabling billions of people around the world to connect every day. Beyond their role as the physical backbone of our apps and services, Meta’s data centers drive significant positive impact in the communities where they are located and beyond.

**Economy**
We help grow and diversify local economies by supporting new jobs, sourcing from local vendors and generating revenue for municipalities.

From 2010 to 2019, Meta invested more than $16 billion in U.S. data center construction and operations, which supported over 238,000 jobs with $16.4 billion in earnings flowing into local economies.

**Community**
We support community vitality by investing in local schools, nonprofits and community projects.

Since 2011, Meta has contributed more than $24 million in direct funding to U.S. data center communities, as well as volunteer time, to provide technology for community benefit, connect people online or off and improve STEM education.

**Sustainability**
We build and operate some of the world’s most sustainable data centers and add new renewable energy to each data center’s local grid.

Meta data centers have achieved net zero carbon emissions, are LEED® Gold level certified and supported by 100% renewable energy. They use 32% less energy, are 80% more water-efficient on average than industry standard, and we’re committed to restoring more water than we consume by 2030.

**Altoona Data Center**

**Investment:** $2.5 billion+

**Broke Ground:** 2013

**Online:** 2014

**Anticipated Jobs:** 400+ supported

**Construction:** 1,300 workers on site per day at peak

**Size:** ~4.1 million square feet

**Energy:** Supported by 100% renewable energy
Partnering With Altoona

Meta is proud to call Altoona home and prouder still of our partnership with the community and what we’ve been able to accomplish together. Whether through volunteering at local schools or contributing to local nonprofit organizations, we’re committed to strengthening the communities of East Polk County.

So far, we’ve provided over $2.6 million in community support, enabling:

- **Swerve Outreach** to support technology and at-home learning needs for community youth in Altoona Kids Cafe
- **Bondurant Community Library** to equip their new expansion with a 3D printer and other technology for the community’s benefit
- Remote learning at **Bondurant-Farrar and Southeast Polk Community Schools** by providing laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots, in addition to food programs for students and their families
- COVID-19 relief grants for **over 100 local small businesses and nonprofits** through a partnership with East Polk Innovation Collaborative and local chambers of commerce

Other **community partners** include:

- Science Center of Iowa
- Pursuit of Innovation (Pi515)
- Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa
- Altoona Area Historical Society
- Central Iowa Shelter & Services
- Altoona Campus

New Renewable Energy Investments

By supporting our data centers with 100% renewable energy, we are making additional contributions to local economies through investments in new wind and solar projects. Meta will add more than 6,400 MW of new renewable energy to the U.S. grid, representing $3.3 billion in infrastructure investment.

Meta worked with MidAmerican Energy to meet our renewable energy goals for the Altoona Data Center.

Meta-contracted projects will add 141 MW of new renewable energy in Iowa. These renewable energy projects represent over $82 million in local investment and will support more than 500 construction jobs. Project operations will support 10 jobs annually across the state.

For more information, please visit [facebook.com/AltoonaDataCenter](http://facebook.com/AltoonaDataCenter).

Meta’s fleet of data centers powers our apps and services, including Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, Oculus and WhatsApp. In 2011, we opened the first Meta-owned and -operated data center in Prineville, Oregon. Since then our fleet has grown to 14 U.S. data centers and 18 worldwide, 13 of which are currently serving traffic.