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U.S. President Obama visits rotor blade plant in the U.S. state of Iowa Siemens factory in Fort Madison the first stop on Obama's tour of the Midwest

For the first time in the company's 163-year history, a U.S. president has visited a Siemens factory. On Tuesday, during his tour of the Midwest, Barack Obama made a stop at the plant manufacturing components for wind power generation in Fort Madison in the U.S. state of lowa. The plant, which was opened in mid-2007 and has recently been expanded, has a workforce of 600 employees and produces rotor blades for wind turbines.

"Siemens has been represented in America for over 100 years and is with a workforce of 64,000 one of the largest international employers in the U.S. In the last ten years alone we have invested around €20 billion in the country. In our plant in Fort Madison we are promoting the green technology revolution," Peter Löscher, President and CEO of Siemens, explained to the President of the United States. Barack Obama highlighted the Fort Madison plant as a successful example of how clean technology can help revive a local economy.

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