

Our history in the United States

From the first business contact to a global technology powerhouse

1845

The Siemens brothers establish first business contacts in the United States

1874–1875

The first direct telegraph cable across the Atlantic is laid linking Ireland to New Hampshire in North America

1886

Henry Villard becomes the first agent

1892

Siemens & Halske (S&H) founds Siemens & Halske Electric Co. of America (S&H America) in Chicago; two years later the factory is destroyed by fire

1904

Liquidation of S&H America

1908

An information office is founded under the direction of Karl Georg Frank

1921

Adlanco Industrial Products Corp. is founded as a Siemens agency; the information office continues operation

1924

The first exchange of experience contract is signed with Westinghouse

1933

The existing information office is dissolved, at the same time a new sales office is opened under the name of Siemens Inc.

1941

The US office is closed due to World War II

1954

A new liaison office under the name of Siemens New York, Inc. is established

1954

Second memorandum of understanding with Westinghouse

1960

Order from Western Union Telegraph Co. for a switched network

1962

Siemens New York Inc. is renamed Siemens America Inc. (SAI)

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Siemens-Reiniger-Werke (SRW) found Siemens Medical of America Inc.

1968

The American financing company Siemens Capital Corp. is founded

1970

Siemens Corp. is formed with headquarters in Iselin, New York

1972

A major order is received from Western Union Telegraph for electronic switching equipment

1973

Siemens Corp. purchases the test equipment producer Computest Corp., Cherry Hill, New Jersey

1978

Siemens and US company Allis-Chalmers found a joint venture in the field of energy technology which operates under the name of Siemens-Allis Inc.

1982

Siemens Corp. splits up into Siemens-Allis, Siemens Components, Siemens Communications Systems and Siemens Medical Systems; the companies operate under the holding Siemens Capital Corp.

1986

A joint venture is formed with General Telephone & Electronics Corp. (GTE)

1988

Siemens Capital Corp. is renamed Siemens Corp.

1989

The sales company Rolm is formed as a joint venture with IBM for the sale of private communication systems

1992

Four US power plant companies merge to form Siemens Power Corp.

1993

Acquisition of lighting manufacturer Sylvania

1993

Burlington Northern Railroad awards Siemens and General Motors a contract to deliver 350 diesel-electric locomotives

1997

US mobile operator Digiph PCS Inc. awards Siemens a contract to deliver communications technology for a GSM mobile network in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi

1998

Siemens takes over the fossil power plant business of Westinghouse

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Acquisition of Shared Medical Systems Corp., Malvern, Pennsylvania

2001

Siemens installs the world's first all-digital hospital in Birmingham, Alabama

2001

Siemens shares are sold for the first time on the New York stock exchange

2002

Four Siemens Groups join to equip Houston's Reliant Stadium with communication systems, fiber-optic switching gear, building automation, fire protection, security systems and light rail

2004

The acquisition of USFilter, the leader in water and wastewater systems, brings Siemens into a new industry

2005

Disney and Siemens form a 12-year strategic alliance

2006

Siemens purchases Diagnostics Products Corporation (DPC) and Bayer Diagnostics, making the US unit of Siemens Medical Solutions the world's first full service diagnostics company

2007

Siemens opens a rotor blade manufacturing factory in Fort Madison, Iowa, which US President Obama visits in 2010

2007

Acquisition of US-company UGS Corp., a worldwide leader in PLM software and services

2009

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System awards Siemens an order for the delivery of 57 light rail vehicles, which are completely built in the Siemens plant in Sacramento, USA

2010

Amtrak selects Siemens to design and manufacture 70 new electric locomotives for the Northeast and Keystone Corridors

2010

Siemens opens a wind turbine nacelle assembly facility in Hutchinson, Kansas

2013

Siemens receives order from MidAmerican Energy for the supply of 448 wind turbines for five wind projects in Iowa; with a total capacity of 1,050 MW, this represents the largest single order for onshore wind power awarded globally to date

2015

Siemens takes over Dresser-Rand; the acquisition complements Siemens' existing offerings, notably for the global oil & gas industry and for distributed power generation