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Michigan has given a Centers of Energy Excellence designation and \$3.5 million in funding for a wind turbine component project in Eaton Rapids.

The collaboration is being led by URV USA, a subsidiary of a Finnish supplier of cast-iron wind turbine components.

The Michigan Strategic Fund board approved the designation and funding Wednesday.

The state says the project will also get \$4 million in matching funds from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Astraeus Wind Energy has promised to buy a large portion of URV USA's initial output.

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