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# Grand Prairie Wind Farm Job Fair Set For Aug. 19 At Holiday Inn Express

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A Grand Prairie Wind Farm job fair will be hosted by Mortenson Construction on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Holiday Inn Express on Highway 20/275.

The job fair will open from 8-10 a.m., 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

The following project-based positions are available: concrete laborers, carpenters, NCCCO certified rough terrain hydraulic crane operators, experienced extendable boom forklift operators and experienced craft safety specialists.

BHE Renewables, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, will begin construction soon on the 400-megawatt wind farm in northeast Holt County. The project will increase Nebraska's wind energy capacity by nearly 50 percent and represents the first project in the state for BHE Renewables.

The wind farm is proposed to be built on approximately 50,000 acres and would be located on public and private crop and pasture land. The publicly owned land is owned by the State of Nebraska Board of Education Lands and Funds.

BHE Renewables plans to complete construction by the end of 2016.

Bill Fehrman, president and CEO of BHE Renewables, said the project will create an estimated 350 temporary construction jobs and 12 to 15 on-site permanent full-time jobs while generating over \$4 million per year in landowner lease payments, contributions to a community fund, and tax revenue for the county, schools, fire districts and townships.

Representatives from BHE Renewables met recently with the Holt County Board of Supervisors during their regular meeting on July 31 to discuss the Transportation Impact Analysis Report and the Decommissioning Plan for the Grande Prairie Wind Farm.