

U.S. Midwest's 10 Highest-Value Projects Span Many Industries, Driven by Mining and Wind Power, an Industrial Info News Alert

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SUGAR LAND, TX, Aug 18, 2015 (Marketwired via COMTEX) -- Researched by Industrial Info Resources (Sugar Land, Texas) -- The top 10 projects set to kick off in the U.S. Midwest in 2016, as ranked by investment values, come from a variety of industries and are spread across almost all states in the region, according to Industrial Info's project database. Wind power is the biggest factor on the list, accounting for more than one-third of the \$10.44 billion total project-investment value, with the Metals & Minerals Industry just a notch behind. Minnesota, which has the region's largest mining and pipeline projects, leads all other states on the list.

The region includes Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska and South Dakota. The latter is the only state not represented in the top 10.

10. ITC Holdings' Winnco-to-Hazleton Transmission Line in Iowa: \$480 Million The U.S. Midwest expects to see more than \$2 billion in power transmission projects begin construction next year, according to Industrial Info's database, almost one-quarter of which can be attributed to ITC Holdings Corporation's **ITC, -0.84%** (Novi, Michigan) \$480 million construction of a transmission line from the company's proposed, 345-kilovolt Winnco West Substation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to its existing Hazleton Substation in Buchanan County, Iowa. MidAmerican Energy Company (Des Moines, Iowa) also is involved in the development.

Construction is currently expected to kick off in the first quarter of 2016, and to be completed toward the end of 2018. The line is expected to run through substations owned by ITC in Lime Creek and Emory, and MidAmerican's Blackhawk Substation in Waterloo.

9. Antofagasta's Hydrometallurgical Plant in Ely, Minnesota: \$547 Million One of the lowest spots on the list goes to a project that actually is part of a much larger one: Antofagasta's (London, England) construction of a hydrometallurgical plant, to be built on the site of a proposed copper and nickel mine. The plant will use SGS S.A.'s (Geneva, Switzerland) PLATSOL Process, which SGS describes on its Web site as "a high-temperature, chloride-assisted pressure-leaching procedure," to recover copper, nickel and platinum-group metals from ores.

8. Berkshire Hathaway's Windfarm near O'Neill, Nebraska: \$800 Million BHE Renewables LLC, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway **BRK.A, -0.38%** (Omaha, Nebraska), announced earlier this year that it plans to build the 400-megawatt (MW) Grand Prairie Windfarm in north-central Nebraska. If completed, it would be the largest windfarm in the state, and it would increase Nebraska's current wind-powered capacity almost 50% to 1,200 MW. The company expects the project to kick off in the first quarter and to be completed in second-quarter 2017.

In May, BHE Renewables put in an order with Vestas (Aarhus, Denmark) for 200 units of its V110 turbines, each with a capacity of 2 MW, for the windfarm.

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