

JOBS FOR MINNESOTANS



Who We Are

Jobs for Minnesotans is a nonprofit coalition dedicated to job creation and investment in the state of Minnesota through the growth of responsible industries. We are a unique partnership between Business, Labor and Community – three groups that share common ground in the ongoing need to support well-paying, statewide jobs and investment in Minnesota.

Co-founded by the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council representing 70,000 workers and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce representing 2,300 members and more than 500,000 employees, we represent broad-based, diverse support for industries that will benefit our economy and hard-working Minnesotans for generations.

What We Do

Jobs for Minnesotans serves as a platform for members to get involved and advocate for responsible development. We educate supporters about the direct and spinoff jobs that will be created from industry investments in copper-nickel mining and energy transportation projects. We provide a voice on these issues, inform and educate stakeholders and provide a platform for supporters to be engaged in the regulatory process. The future of thousands of middle-class jobs is at stake compelling our work on multiple fronts with this message – we can create jobs and protect the environment.

From ensuring the supportive voice is heard, to mobilizing supporters to attend public hearings and submit comments to meeting with elected officials about the economic benefits of these projects, we are invested in the economic opportunities that will ensure Minnesota continues to be a great place to live, work and thrive.

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Our Priorities

Supporting a Fair Review Process

To keep Minnesota competitive, projects must be allowed to follow timely, predictable and transparent regulatory and environmental review processes. Minnesota is a world leader in its rigorous environmental regulations and review processes, a standard we support.

We deliver a powerful, unified message to state and government officials that these projects will be done right and that our state can have jobs and preserve a clean environment. Without a fair review process based on sound science, businesses and future investment will leave Minnesota – potentially for places with less strict environmental and labor safety standards.

Sharing Accurate, Factual Information

We provide the public and key stakeholders with information about the current status of projects and their economic benefits. With accurate information, people are equipped to make fact-based decisions about Minnesota's economic future. State-of-the-art technologies will allow companies to safely develop our state's significant natural resources, giving the next generation of our homegrown workforce opportunities to support families and build prosperous communities. Our organization is currently focused on opportunities that collectively represent billions of dollars of investment, thousands of construction jobs, hundreds of permanent jobs, and a significant

number of spin off jobs for middle class Minnesotans. In addition, they will generate millions of tax revenues to support our government services and schools.

Three companies, for example, are already bringing much-needed investment to our state in tax revenues and job creation during project development. Two of these companies have the potential to bring even greater economic impact in the years ahead, while the other has completed a major development project:

- *PolyMet Mining* has received approval from the state of Minnesota and federal agencies to advance its copper, nickel and critical metals NorthMet mine. The project underwent extensive environmental review and is estimated to generate \$515 million annually to benefit St. Louis County. Final permits are currently being litigated.
- *Twin Metals Minnesota* is a Minnesota mining company pursuing the development of a copper, nickel and platinum group metals mine in northeast Minnesota and to date has invested more than \$550 million in project development activities. Twin Metals submitted a formal Mine Plan of Operation to state and federal regulatory agencies in December 2019, and is now fighting arbitrary and capricious actions delaying its environmental review.
- *Enbridge* is a leader in the safe and reliable delivery of energy and has been active in Minnesota for more than 65 years. The company has successfully completed construction of the Line 3 Replacement project that brought significant investment and construction jobs to Minnesota.

Benefiting Our Economy

Once operational, the NorthMet project will create

360 full-time jobs

and pay

\$36M in annual wages and benefits.

Twin Metals Minnesota has invested

\$550M+

to date in project development activities and will create

750 and **1500** jobs and spinoff jobs.

Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement project generated

\$4B+ for the state

and created employment for

4000+ union construction workers.