

Midwest AgEnergy's Dakota Spirit Bio-refinery

Jamestown/Stutsman Development Corporation

PROJECT DETAILS:

Midwest AgEnergy's Dakota Spirit bio-refinery, a \$155 million facility, opened in 2015, providing good-paying jobs to the community and a local market for farmers' corn.

INCENTIVES USED:

New jobs training funds, community jobs incentive, value-added ag processing facility tax incentive, Agricultural Products Utilization Commission grant, rural electric cooperative grant.

PROJECT'S CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The refinery consists of an almost 130,000-square-foot facility providing 43 jobs and impacting another 2,000 secondary jobs. Construction involved 180 on-site workers and 15 contractors. According to REMI modeling, in 2018, output from the facility is estimated to be more than \$259 million, with over \$38 million paid in salaries directly related to the expansion and \$66 million in tax revenues.

SUCCESS:

\$75 million in public investment and \$80 million in private investment has led to the creation of 43 jobs with an average salary of \$68,500. The facility produces 75 MGY of ethanol, 200,000 tons of dry distillers grains and 1.8 MGY of distillers corn oil annually.

WORKPLACE OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT:

Midwest AgEnergy received the "Workplace of the Year" award from the *Ethanol Producer* magazine this past summer in recognition of outstanding employment and management practices. The company focuses on peer-to-peer communication, cooperative problem solving and overall wellness. Midwest AgEnergy is committed to its employees and offers opportunities for growth and development while offering industry leading wages and benefits.

