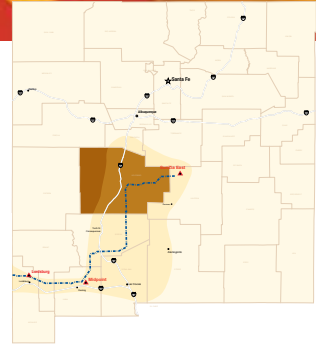


SunZia in Socorro County













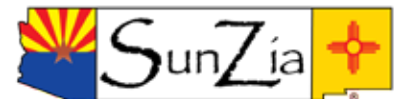
The University of Arizona and New Mexico State University identified positive economic impacts within Socorro County created by SunZia, including:

- Over 760 jobs¹ during construction
- Nearly \$60 million in estimated wages and salaries (including benefits) during construction
- Over \$5.5 million in local tax revenues during construction
- Over \$15 million in local property tax revenues²

Since 2007, one out of 18 jobs in New Mexico no longer exists and Socorro County's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent in 2010. Within Socorro County, SunZia will create job opportunities through construction of two transmission lines, and through SunZia's ability to foster development of local renewable energy projects. The following table presents the estimated economic contributions associated with four types of potential renewable projects³ in Socorro County.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS³ AT A GLANCE

		 Solar PV 100MW	 Solar Thermal 160MW	 Wind 100MW	 Geothermal 50MW
DURING CONSTRUCTION	 Jobs ¹	1,335+	955+	440+	450+
	 Wages & Salaries	\$92.2 million	\$66 million	\$30.6 million	\$33.1 million
	 Local Tax Revenues	\$1.0 million	\$0.8 million	\$0.4 million	\$0.4 million
DURING OPERATION	 Jobs	12	30	8	25
	 Annual Wages & Salaries	\$0.8 million	\$1.7 million	\$0.6 million	\$1.7 million
	 Local Property Taxes ²	\$24.3 million	\$39.7 million	\$13.1 million	\$11.9 million

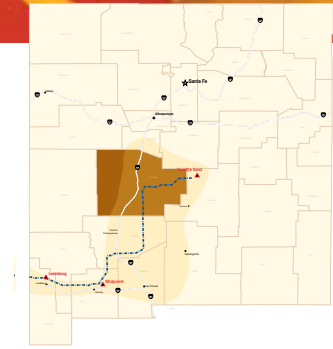


SunZia will enable delivery of Socorro County's renewable resources.

Renewable energy projects enabled by SunZia could request interconnection to SunZia at any point.

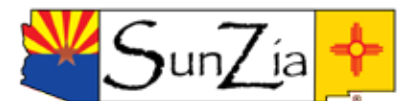
As an example of the opportunity created by SunZia and based on the table on the reverse, if the County attracts the development of 200 MW of solar PV, 160 MW of solar thermal and 50 MW of geothermal projects, then the following jobs could be created:

- **Over 4,075 construction jobs¹**
- **Over 75 permanent jobs**



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“The New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology is pleased to support SunZia in its efforts to build renewable energy electric transmission infrastructure in New Mexico. This infrastructure will create thousands of jobs, and companies in our state will position New Mexico as a leader in the renewable generation industry.”
Daniel Lopez, President,
New Mexico Tech



See the full **Economic Impact Assessment⁴** reports at www.SunZia.net

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¹ Construction jobs are measured in man-years.

² Accumulated during construction and the first 5 years of operation.

³ Because the number, location and type of potential renewable generation projects are unknown, the economic impact analysis analyzed four specific example projects to estimate economic contributions.

⁴ The information presented herein is based on Scenario 2 and the route combination of Arizona Route A and New Mexico West Route (shown in the Economic Impact Assessment alignment map) within the Economic Impact Assessment report dated April 2011. Economic impact information pertaining to the potential energy generation projects is based on the Economic Impact Assessment Supplement dated April 2011.



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