Dakota Access: A $3.7 Billion Investment, Generating Millions in Tax Revenues and Supporting More than 8,000 Careers

The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) will bring domestically produced light sweet crude oil from North Dakota's rapidly expanding Bakken and Three Forks production sites to Patoka, Illinois. From there, the fuel will move to major refining markets across the Midwest, East Coast and Gulf Coast.

- With the rapid increase in crude oil production in North Dakota, the most reliable, safest, direct and cost-effective way to transport oil is by pipeline. DAPL would also be the most environmentally friendly method of transportation compared with high-risk rail and truck transportation.
- The pipeline's construction will generate an estimated $50 million annually in property taxes and nearly $74 million in sales taxes to North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.
- America is the number one consumer of crude oil and the third largest producer in the world. Roughly 70 percent of America's crude oil and petroleum products are moved by pipeline.

Safety and quality construction are top priorities for Dakota Access and LIUNA.

- The pipeline would be built by LIUNA members, whose organization has more than a century of experience safely building pipelines in virtually every state and province of the U.S. and Canada.
- LIUNA invests about $100 million a year in skills training for construction workers through more than 70 mobile and fixed training centers. Those centers offer 164 hours of pipeline-specific instruction.
- LIUNA is a national leader in advocating for policies that protect workers on the job and the communities in which they work and live.
- The pipeline's potential route was based on professional surveys and environmental studies in order to avoid sensitive areas. In consolidated rock, the pipeline will be buried a minimum of 24 inches and a minimum of 36 inches everywhere else.
- Upon completion, the pipeline will be state-of-the-art. It will be remotely monitored internally and externally 24 hours a day and will be equipped with automated shut-off valves.