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**MINNESOTA FIRMS AWARDED MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER  
600kW ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECT**

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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – Minnesota-based [Best Power Int'l, LLC](#) was awarded the Minneapolis Convention Center 600kW rooftop PV solar project. Best Power, the project owner and operator, is teaming with [Westwood Renewables, LLC](#) to provide the design, engineering, and program management for the project.

Westwood Renewables recently completed the 400kW St. John's Solar Farm in Collegeville, Minnesota, the state's largest solar installation to date.

Additional Minnesota companies involved in the project include [Ryan Companies](#), overseeing construction and [Hunt Electric Corporation](#), providing electrical contracting. Hunt Electric was also a project partner for the Saint John's Solar Farm. Development consultants, [Westwood Professional Services](#), will be providing site surveys and design support.

The Minneapolis project will consist of 2,613 panels of photovoltaic (PV) modules on part of the convention center's roof. One-third would be oriented for maximum energy capture, one third to capture solar energy at the building's peak energy use, and another third for Xcel Energy's peak demand. The rooftop installation would cover the equivalent of nearly two and a half football fields and supply power to the Convention Center.

The Minneapolis City Council approved the project team on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to begin construction in early summer pending final approval of a \$2 million grant from the Xcel Energy's Renewable Development Fund.

**About Best Power Int'l, LLC**

[Best Power Int'l, LLC](#) is a Minnesota-based solar integrator that was founded in 2005 and has developed more than 20 percent of Minnesota's installed solar capacity.

**About Westwood Renewables, LLC**

[Westwood Renewables, LLC](#) was established to provide comprehensive renewable energy project solutions including system analysis, site assessments, design, installation, and maintenance. Westwood Renewables is a national company and serves the Midwest as experts in cold-climate PV solar and wind energy.

**About Ryan Companies**

**About Ryan Companies, US, Inc.**

Ryan Companies US Inc., a nationally recognized developer, design-builder, and real estate manager, has specialized in fully integrated solutions for more than 70 years. Ryan builds lasting relationships with a project delivery model based on full-service customized solutions and total collaboration – pairing the customer’s needs and expectations with the talents of a team of developers, financiers, architects, engineers, constructors and property managers. In addition to its Minneapolis office, Ryan has offices in Chicago, Phoenix, San Diego, Tampa, Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Des Moines, Iowa. Ryan was named the 2007 National Developer of the Year by the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP). For more information, visit [www.ryancompanies.com](http://www.ryancompanies.com).

**About Hunt Electric Corporation**

[Hunt Electric Corporation](#) has been providing electrical construction services throughout the Midwest and nationally for over 40 years. In addition to Renewable Energy projects, Hunt focuses on mission critical, healthcare, and commercial markets.

**About Westwood Professional Services, Inc**

[Westwood Professional Services](#) is a land and energy consulting company providing services to clients across America. Westwood has assisted with several thousand acres of land development projects since 1972 and over 12,000 MW of utility scale wind and solar projects since 1997.

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