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Mitchell County in the Fertilizer Race

Mitchell County an area of the country where corn acres outnumber the population is in the running for a world-scale \$1.2 Billion fertilizer production facility. This operation would serve farmers in a tri-state area that are currently deprived of economically produced fertilizer as well as provide an estimated 150 full-time jobs and potentially another 90 maintenance and transportation opportunities.

Project Cronus has narrowed its scope of site search to Mitchell County, Iowa or Tuscola, Illinois. Mitchell County has several sites selected for Project Cronus. This “grass roots” project has been in development for over a year. The project would create more than 2,000 jobs in North Central Iowa during the construction process.

According to Brenda Dryer, Executive Director for Mitchell County Economic Development Commission, “Project Cronus indeed would bring hundreds of permanent, high quality employment opportunities and a very large capital investment to North Central Iowa. At this time I am not in a position to discuss further details of the project as negotiations are still underway.”

Location, market share, and regional partnerships are key components to building a successful business model for a project of this size. Dryer goes on to explain, “Each economic development project we work to attract is unique, considered on its own merits and on the overall impact it will have. This potential project would enhance our existing industries and have a far reaching impact on agriculture throughout this region of the country.”

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