HUNDREDS OF JOBS WOULD BE CREATED BY BURYING THE WATERFRONT POWER LINES

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Every \$20 million spent on burying the power lines on the Providence and East Providence waterfront is estimated to:

- ✓ **Support 292 jobs,** of which 160 will be direct jobs and 132 indirect/induced jobs
- ✓ **Create \$11.9 million in income** for Rhode Island households. This estimate includes \$7.2 million in direct earnings and \$4.7 million in indirect/induced income, which is expected to be created in other sectors of the Rhode Island economy.
- ✓ Generate \$256,000 in personal RI income taxes. Direct income tax revenue is estimated at \$158,000; indirect income tax revenue would be \$98,000.
- ✓ **Generate \$1.5 million in other taxes,** including sales taxes, non-personal property taxes, license fees, and gross receipts taxes. This figure includes direct and indirect federal, state, and local non-income tax revenues.

The estimates above assume that Rhode Island contractors will perform all construction work and all income, construction materials, and related business activities will be subject to usual licenses and tax liabilities that are chargeable to business expenses in the calculation of profits. These estimates consider both the *direct* and *indirect* (multiplier) impact of the project, as indicated above.

A detailed explanation about the method used to produce the estimates above -- including assumptions and multiplier data -- is provided in the report: *The Economic Impact of the Construction Industry on the Economy of Rhode Island in 2013*, which was released by The Rhode Island Builders Association and is available at http://www.newriverpress.com/newsletters/constructionreport.pdf.

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