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**Burns & McDonnell Receives Important Certification from Mexico’s National Center for Energy Control (CENACE)**

*Company Gains Access to Crucial Power System Planning and Operations Data in a Move to Better Pinpoint Areas of Need on Mexico Power Grid*

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — [Burns & McDonnell](https://hubs.ly/H0cJlKX0) has received a crucial certification from the Centro Nacional de Control De Energ¡a (CENACE), Mexico’s independent system operator for the country’s electrical grid. Resulting from the 2013 Energy Reform laws in Mexico, CENACE operates and controls Mexico’s wholesale energy markets with the goals of promoting competition, efficiency, open access and planning for needed system upgrades and improvements. Prior to the reform, CENACE was part of Mexico’s largest state-owned utility, Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE).

The certification awarded to Burns & McDonnell allows the company’s engineers to access CENACE developed power system models, enabling review of a wealth of data on grid performance and specific areas where [generation](https://hubs.ly/H0cJlN90) or [transmission](https://hubs.ly/H0cJl5s0) assets could help improve reliability and efficiency.

“The certification allows us to have access to the essential data needed for analysis, so we can advise both the system operator and our clients with our best engineering judgment on where upgrades, improvements or new generation might benefit overall system reliability,” says Noé H. Sáenz, Country Manager – Mexico, for Burns & McDonnell. “This level of information sharing is a win-win for both the system operator, CENACE, and developers and power generation and transmission owners in Mexico.”

Since the move to deregulate and partially privatize its electrical system, Mexico began moving quickly to integrate solar, wind and gas-fired generation on the system while also upgrading a deteriorated power transmission system. CENACE is responsible for implementing competitive wholesale power auctions intended to lock in lowest cost electricity suppliers as a means to upgrade the overall power grid for the entire country.

The power system certification earned by Burns & McDonnell enables the company to serve as a strategic consultant advising project developers on transmission constraints and which sites might have the potential to be built for the lowest cost and provide the most benefit to grid operations.

“There is an urgent need to upgrade and improve power systems as Mexico quickly transitions to a first-world economy,” Sáenz says. “So, time is of the essence when it comes to CENACE approval of projects that will upgrade the system. This certification allows us to better fulfill our consulting role in allowing clients to propose projects that have the best chance of success.”

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