



## **Distribution Contractors Association Position Paper Keystone XL Pipeline**

The Keystone XL pipeline is a 1,700-mile, \$7 billion project that would bring transport tar-sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to refineries on the Gulf Coast. It would be an extension of a pipeline that became operational in June 2010 and already carries crude oil from Alberta to Illinois and Oklahoma. DCA supports prompt approval of this

### **Significant Job Creation**

Approval of Keystone XL would not only create thousands of jobs in the United States during and after its construction, but that it would also provide access to one of the biggest oil reserves in the world and greatly reduce our dependence on oil from overseas. If built, the pipeline would bring more than half the amount of oil to the U.S. than the country imports from the Middle East.

Recently the U.S. State Department's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) clearly indicated that the environmental impact of the Keystone XL pipeline is minimal while the project will provide significant economic and national security benefits for the country. By bringing an extra 830,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries, the pipeline would create American jobs and enhance our national security by reducing U.S. reliance on energy resources from less stable regions. Continued volatility in those regions only reinforces the urgent need to tap into new energy sources.

According to the draft Supplemental EIS, the Keystone XL pipeline would potentially support more than 42,000 jobs across the Nation, translating into \$2 billion in earnings for workers. A large number of new jobs created by this project would be in the construction sector. The State Department also concluded that direct expenditures, such as construction and materials costs, would total approximately \$3.3 billion. Additionally, many state and local governments will see the benefit of significant tax revenues as a result of the increased economic activity.

### **Approval Long Overdue**

It has been more than four years since supporters of the Keystone XL Pipeline first submitted an application to the U.S. State Department in 2008. Delays continue solely for political reasons at a time when job creation and energy independence are in high demand. DCA strongly supports immediate approval of this vitally important construction project.

Put simply, Keystone XL offers a safe, practical way to bring more Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, thereby benefitting American consumers and workers, and improving our energy and economic security. As the draft Supplemental EIS makes clear, the project serves our national interest and should be approved without delay.