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**MGA Completes Transmission Regulatory Web Site Expansion**  
*Releases State Profiles for Twelve Midwestern States*

**Washington, D.C.** – The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) is pleased to announce the addition of 12 Midwestern states to the Regulatory and Permitting Information Desktop (RAPID) Toolkit.

The RAPID Toolkit is a wiki-based web portal that offers one location for agencies, developers, and industry stakeholders to access state and federal renewable energy and bulk transmission regulatory processes by using a wiki environment to share permitting guidance, regulations, contacts, and other relevant information.

“The Midwest is blessed with many sources of energy, which give our states a competitive advantage when recruiting energy intensive companies, and those that demand renewable energy,” said Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback. “This one-stop shop for energy transmission information will help our region send more of our energy where it is needed faster.”

The RAPID Toolkit makes regulatory and permitting information rapidly accessible from one location by providing links to permit applications, processes, manuals, and related information. The goal of creating and maintaining this toolkit is to facilitate communication between project developers and permitting agency personnel, among permitting agencies at all jurisdiction levels, and among all project stakeholders—including the public.

“This effort again demonstrates the willingness of Midwestern governors to work together to make the Midwest the best place to live, work, raise a family, and start a business,” said MGA Executive Director Jesse Heier.

The Toolkit was developed with the support of the Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), who developed and manages the Toolkit. The Toolkit can be found at [rapidtoolkit.org](http://rapidtoolkit.org).

*The Midwestern Governors Association (MGA) is a non-profit, bipartisan organization that brings together governors, their staff, and state agencies to address significant public policy issues and provide a vehicle to advocate for them. It focuses its efforts in four primary policy areas: economic development, agriculture, energy, and Midwest branding. Current members of the MGA include Gov. Bruce Rauner (Ill.), Gov. Eric Holcomb (Ind.), Gov. Terry Branstad (Iowa), Gov. Sam Brownback (Kan.), Gov. Rick Snyder (Mich.), Gov. Mark Dayton (Minn.), Gov. Eric Greitens (Mo.), Gov. Pete Ricketts (Neb.), Doug Burgum (ND), Gov. John Kasich (Ohio), Gov. Dennis Daugaard (SD), and Gov. Scott Walker (Wis.). For more information, please visit [www.midwesterngovernors.org](http://www.midwesterngovernors.org).*

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