

Project Management Update from Chile



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Call for nominations for new board

Last month a committee was stated with the mission to call directory elections for the next period 2015-2016. It is expected that after the second week of November they meet again, but this time to assess the applications.

In the coming days the period of applications will begin to integrate the directory and shape the list or lists of the election process participants.



Once the vote is conducted, the committee will meet with the new directive, in order to start operational during the month of December of this year.

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2015 Cono Sur Tour

On November 11th, in the premises of Casa Piedra, will begin the new version of 2015 Cono Sur Tour, organized by PMI Santiago Chile Chapter: "Research & Innovation will develop. Perfect development". In Antofagasta the tour will be implemented on November 13th.

The Tour will feature a number of national and international reporters with great experience, so it will become an unmissable initiative to those involved in project management.

Those attending the meeting may be attended exhibitions that address issues such as communication and control, technology trends, the value of PMOs in industry, PMO trends in different types of industry, among others.

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Power Generation

Solar is the cheapest source of energy in Chile

Solar energy is now the cheapest source of electricity in Chile, according to Deutsche Bank AG. The German company came to this conclusion based on an investigation of the results of a public call for energy convened by the government on 23 October, Bloomberg reported.



"The winners of the tender were renewable projects that offered the lowest price, closing contracts for the supply of 1,200 gigawatts per hour of energy," said Deutsche Bank analyst Vishal Shah, in a report.

Among the 31 participating companies the average price of the winning bids was CL\$ 79.30 a megawatt-hour, 40% less than a similar contest in 2013. The winning plants should be operational by 2017.

Among the bidders, three solar energy parks offered to sell between CL\$ 65 and CL\$ 68 a megawatt hour, Shah said. In turn, two wind farms bid CL\$ 79 per megawatt hour, and a solar thermal plant with storage supply offered for CL\$ 97. Finally, a coal power offered the same to CL\$ 85.

These operations should result in lower costs more than 1 gigawatt of new solar capacity in Chile this year alone, Shah said, which will help the country achieve the goal set in 2014 of having 45% of its electrical capacity fueled by renewable sources.

Transmission lines

As reported by the agency, while the demand for solar energy in Chile will remain strong, growth may be hampered by limited access to transmission lines. Shah predicted that solar facilities will be reduced by 50% to 500 megawatts in 2016, and will continue to fall to 400 megawatts in 2017.

"The best places for solar energy projects in general have already been taken," said Shah. "Chile has approved 2.1 gigawatts in projects but has no place to install them."

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