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## ***Work starts on USACE electrical network project in Qadisiyah province***

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Work has begun on an electrical network in Qadisiyah Province.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project entails the design and construction of an 11 kV electrical distribution network in Diwaniyah, the capital of Qadisiyah province.

Launched last month and budgeted at \$3.5 million, the Al Sarray electrical network project is scheduled to be completed by mid-July. Money for the project comes from the Economic Support Fund. The project already is about one quarter finished.

Based on the contractor's Local Economic Promotion Plan, the job is expected to infuse about \$500,000 into the local economy by tapping the local labor pool, contractors and suppliers, according to USACE project engineer Su-Chen Chen.

Work includes replacing the existing network, laying a new underground cable and installing new indoor 630 Amp transformers, she said.



Poles for electrical network being constructed in Qadisiyah Province. (USACE photo).

The project will provide reliable electricity to the central business district, including the government and financial sectors, and will have a direct impact on an estimated 100,000 people.

Qadisiyah is one of the nine southern Iraq provinces served by USACE's Gulf Region South district.

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