# Clean Growth in the Natural Resource Sectors Program (CGP)

Alberta's Clean Growth Program Webinar

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## Agenda

- 1. Overview of the Office of Energy Research & Development (OERD)
- 2. Clean Growth in the Natural Resources Sectors Program overview
  - Key features
  - Submission and evaluation process
  - How to prepare a successful Letter of Interest (LOI)
  - Timelines
- 3. Collaborative Support
- Q&A Period



#### **About OERD**

The Office of Energy Research and Development (OERD) is the Government of Canada's co-ordinator of energy and clean technology research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) activities.

#### **Budget 2017 Programs**

- Green Infrastructure Program (GI)
- Impact Canada Fund (ICF)
- Clean Growth Program (CGP)

#### **Core Programs**

- Energy Innovation Program (EIP)
- Program for Energy R&D (PERD)



https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/offices-labs/oerd/5711

# Clean Growth in the Natural Resource Sectors Program Overview



#### Budget 2017 provided:

\$155M over 4 years to support clean technology research, development, and demonstrations in Canada's Natural Resource Sectors



### Program Objective:

"to advance emerging clean technologies toward commercial readiness so that natural resource operations can better reduce their impacts on air, land, and water, while enhancing competitiveness and creating jobs."



\*Clean technology: any process, product, or service that reduces environmental impacts.



### **Key Features**

1. Issues-focused, technology-agnostic scope

2. Eligibility: Funding to P/T supported projects

3. Open Access to Federal Facilities – STAC Projects

#### 1. Issues-Focused, Technology Agnostic Scope

Focus on five areas addressing both pressing environmental challenges and economic opportunities for Canada's Natural resource sectors:

- 1. Reducing GHG and air emissions from natural resource operations
- 2. Minimizing landscape disturbances and improving waste management in natural resource operations
- 3. Supporting the production and use of novel advanced materials and bioproducts in natural resources operations
- 4. Improving efficient energy use and productivity in natural resource operations
- 5. Reducing water use and impacts on aquatic ecosystems from natural resource operations

**Natural Resource Operations**: The industrial processes involved in the extraction, harvesting, and conversion of natural resources. For energy, this includes the conversion of primary energy sources into electricity.



#### Natural Resource Operations: Sectoral Overview



#### 2. Provincial/Territorial Collaboration

- Applicants must have identified P/T co-funding by the time of proposal submission
  - Financial or In-kind Support
- Eligible Sources for PT Funding
  - funding programs or P/T funded organizations and individuals



#### 3. Opening Access to Federal Facilities



Projects can include the participation of federal researchers and laboratories



#### **STAC Projects**

- A collaborative model
  - permits scientific collaboration between federal laboratories and external funding recipients.
- Lead project proponent must be a external funding recipient.
- Federal research centre participation is intended to <u>fill a gap</u> in the capacity of the external funding recipient.
  - This may include the procurement of special expertise, and access to facilities.
- Canada's clean technology <u>small and medium enterprises</u> will benefit a great deal from this improved access to federal researchers. Federal research centre in-kind contributions to projects will be funded directly from the program.



# Clean Growth in the Natural Resource Sectors Application and Submission Overview



#### Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Provincial – Territorial Collaboration

**Technology Readiness Level** 

**Eligible Funding Recipient** 

**Eligible Project Location** 

#### **Project Selection**

- Projects will be selected using the following considerations:
  - Provincial/Territorial co-funding requirement;
  - Alignment with scope;
  - Environmental and economic benefits;
  - Technical merit and feasibility;
  - Level of innovation/advance on the state of the art; and
  - Capacity for commercial up-take and adoption.



#### **Application and Project Selection Process**

 Two-phase competitive process, with proposal phase by invitation only.

LOI	Proposal	Project
Mandatory Screening	Feedback Session	Due Diligence
Technical Review	Technical Review	Final Approval
Project Selection	Project Selection	CA Negotiations
Notification/ Invitation	Notification	CA Management

#### To be successful...

- Carefully read the LOI Applicants' Guide
  - Review the evaluation criteria
- Seek out collaboration opportunities and PT co-funding
  - Reach out individually
  - Use provided Support Tools
  - Allow for sharing of LOI
- Use clear language and answer questions in detail
- Do not wait until the deadline to submit your LOI
- Continue to solidify your collaborative efforts event after you have submitted your LOI



#### To be successful...

- Understand the expected outcomes of the program
  - Environmental Objectives
    - GHG emission reductions of 0.3 to 0.7 megatonnes per year by 2026
    - Water use reduced by 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> to 2,000,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year by 2026
    - Waste decreased by 20,000 tonnes to 30,000 tonnes per year by 2026
  - Economic and Social Objectives
    - A net increase in employment (800 direct and indirect jobs annually during the period of funding, excluding the ramp up year).
    - Creation of new revenue streams, and improvements in public confidence



#### **Timeline**

When	Milestones
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Growth Program Launch
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open for LOI submissions using INTEGROBETA
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to submit LOI
Spring 2018	Invitations to submit full project proposals
Spring 2018	Feedback sessions with successful LOI applicants
Spring/Summer 2018	Submissions of full project proposals
Summer/Fall 2018	Project selections

\*NRCan deserves the right to modify these dates



#### Clean Growth Collaboration





#### Clean Growth Collaboration Community

- Connect with key players, potential collaborators, and funders.
- Tap into the resources right for your project!





# Thank you

