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Southeast Alberta Energy Diversification Strategy (SEEDS)

Innovation and Supply Chain Report

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The **Innovation and Supply Chain Report** is the third report in the Southeast Alberta Energy Diversification Strategy, providing an over view of **innovation and regional economic development impacts from the emerging clean technology, energy efficiency, and renewable energy industries in SE AB**. Southeast Alberta as numerous large-scale solar and wind projects planned for the region.

Investing in solar and wind energy will create employment opportunities, help diversify SE AB's economy, and may also lead to SE AB emerging as a provincial and national leader in renewable energy development and innovation.

"Although large-scale renewable energy and clean technology industries are just beginning to emerge in SE AB", states Sandra Moore, SEEDS Project Consultant and author of the report, "we can anticipate that these industries will help drive innovation in the region and provide additional opportunities for regional business to provide services and supplies to these industries".

The **supply chain** general summaries in this report aim to better inform stakeholders in SE AB – businesses, contractors, communities – of opportunities that may be available for them to participate in these emerging industries. As these industries continue to grow over the next few decades in SE AB, opportunities will arise for local businesses to participate in the supply chain and/or diversify their operations to take advantage of clean technology innovation and practices – for example increased green building/energy efficient construction and renovations.

"Emerging renewable industries help to attract new investment, create a new labour force and generate exciting opportunities for SE Alberta." explains Theresa Hardiker, Executive Director of the Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta.

The **Southeast Alberta Renewable Energy Strategy** is comprised of four reports focused on the renewable energy industry, workforce, and related economic development in SE AB. These include:

1. Industry Report

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2. Workforce Report
3. Innovation and Supply Chain Report
4. Moving Forward Report

In total for this strategy, we engaged with over 60 stakeholders from the renewable and clean energy industries and business community in SE AB, and over 20 community and government stakeholders.

This **Innovation and Supply Chain** report focuses on:

- Provide resources and support to develop a better understanding of the renewable energy industry in SE AB and the impact it has on regional businesses and economic development.
- Foster a renewable energy market in SE AB that supports and attracts both large-scale and small-scale renewable energy development, innovation, investment, and research.

Also providing a summary of renewable and clean energy innovation globally, nationally, provincially, and regionally, and summarizing challenges and opportunities identified by stakeholders and explores the supply chains of large-scale solar and wind energy projects and energy efficiency innovation and programs.

The final report of the Southeast **Alberta Energy Diversification Strategy** will be released on April 17, 2018. The **Moving Forward Report**, will provide an overview of planned large-scale renewable energy projects in SE AB and an analysis of the potential economic impacts these projects could bring to SE Alberta. All reports will be available on the SEEDS website www.seedsalberta.ca

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