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**NOTICE OF FUNDING:**

**Remote Community Implementation (RCI) Program**

The Remote Community Implementation (RCI) Program aims to develop, and distribute funding grants that support remote communities to implement clean energy and energy efficiency projects. The program is intended to support the implementation of projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce dependence on fossil fuel resources, reduce energy costs and help meet a remote community's economic, social and physical sustainability goals.

**Eligibility**

Remote communities in British Columbia are eligible to apply for funding through this initiative. Remote Communities are defined as either a civic or First Nation government with existing permanent residences, which is within a BC Hydro Non-Integrated Area or not connected to the major natural gas or electric grid. There are approximately 70 remote communities identified in British Columbia; roughly half are First Nations. The majority of these communities use diesel generators to support their electricity demand.

Remote communities are invited to submit project proposals related to (but not limited to) the following focus areas:

- Community-scale or building-scale alternative power projects that use in-stream hydro, micro hydro, bioenergy, wind, solar or ocean energy technologies;
- Demand side management projects that upgrade existing community buildings or community infrastructure or improve the design of new buildings over the BC Building Code;
- Community-scale or building-scale alternative heating projects that use solar, biomass, geo-exchange or air source heating;
- Integrated smart grid, clean energy and demand side management projects; and
- District energy systems that use combined heat and power systems supported by clean energy resources.

Projects are divided into two main streams based on project types over three years.

- **Minor Projects:** Funding of up to \$45,000 (8 to 13 projects to be funded). Projects designed to eliminate or significantly displace diesel generation.
- **Major Projects:** Funding of between \$45,000 and \$300,000 (4 to 6 projects to be funded). Projects designed to eliminate diesel generation (except for back-up purposes).  
*\*All projects should target a \$40 / tonne greenhouse gas emission displaced.*

The RCI project website [http://fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/caee\\_rci.html](http://fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/caee_rci.html) contains further information on project selection criteria and background information.

**How to apply**

The RCI Program is accepting project proposals for review in **November 2011**. To submit a project proposal, please complete an application form and send it to Tanya Hebron by email or by mail to the address provided below. The deadline for the November application review is **November 15, 2011**. For additional information, please contact:

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