

A photograph of two white wind turbines in a vast yellow field under a blue sky with light clouds. The field is in the foreground, and the turbines are in the middle ground. The sky is a clear blue with some light, wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# Wind Call for Power Symposium

**Winnipeg, MB**

March 19, 2025



# Welcome

# Housekeeping

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# Symposium Protocols

- Ensure procurement is fair, transparent access for all
  - Broadcast – streaming online
  - Recorded - content posted online
- How to ask/submit Qs
  - Q&A during today's event
  - Send Qs to **WindPower@hydro.mb.ca** or **akhriapchen@hydro.mb.ca**

# Agenda

9:00-9:25	Welcome; Land Acknowledgement; Greetings from Manitoba Hydro & Province
9:25-9:50	Wind Call for Power Procurement
9:50-10:00	Procurement Process – MERX Overview
10:00-10:15	Transmission Exploratory Study
10:15-10:30	Transmission Interconnection Process
10:30-10:45	Q&A
	<i>15 Minute Break</i>
11:00-11:15	Manitoba's Environment Act - Assessment & Licensing, incl Q&A
11:15-11:30	Manitoba's Status of Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, incl Q&A
11:30-12:15	Panel – Funding and Financing Options (Canada Infrastructure Bank & MB Government)
	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00-4:00	No formal agenda. Room available for Indigenous Nations and wind developers

# Greetings from Manitoba Hydro

# Land Acknowledgment

Manitoba Hydro has a presence across Manitoba – on Treaty 1, Treaty 2, Treaty 3, Treaty 4, and Treaty 5 lands — the original territories of the Anishinaabe, Anishininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

We acknowledge these lands and pay our respects to the ancestors of these territories. The legacy of the past remains a strong influence on Manitoba Hydro's relationships with Indigenous communities today. We remain committed to establishing and maintaining strong, mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous communities as we move forward in the spirit of reconciliation.



# Call for power: Indigenous majority-owned wind

## ABOUT US

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## Project overview

As part of [The Manitoba Affordable Energy Plan](#), we're planning the procurement process for Indigenous majority-owned wind projects that will help us meet the increasing needs of Manitobans. Our [2023 Integrated Resource Plan](#) highlights an urgent need for new generation in the province, as demand in Manitoba could more than double in the next 20 years. These new wind generating resources will increase our supply of energy, support economic development, and further the efforts outlined in our [Indigenous Relations Commitment Statement](#).

We are planning to procure up to 600 megawatts of new, utility-scale wind energy in southern Manitoba through one or more power purchase agreements and each individual wind farm could generate up to 200 megawatts.

Each new wind farm will be majority owned by an Indigenous Nation (or multiple Nations) in Manitoba, and we will purchase the output from the wind generation stations.

To be eligible for this project, a wind farm will need to connect to our grid by establishing a point of interconnection within a 20km radius to one of the 14 existing substations identified on the map below:



Manitoba Hydro has begun the procurement process for Indigenous majority-owned wind projects that help us meet a 600 megawatt target. [Enlarge image.](#)



# Call for Power Project Webpage

hydro.mb.ca



# Greetings from Province of Manitoba

# Wind Call for Power Procurement

# Manitoba's Affordable Energy Plan



Manitoba's Affordable Energy Plan was released in September 2024.

The plan supports procuring up to 600 MW of near-term wind-generating projects with Indigenous majority ownership.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/energyplan/index.html>

# Notice of Planned Procurement (NPP)

- Manitoba Hydro issued an NPP:
  - February 17, 2025
  - Updated March 14, 2025
- NPP Purpose:
  - Inform the market of an upcoming Expression of Interest and Request for Proposals



# Project Concept

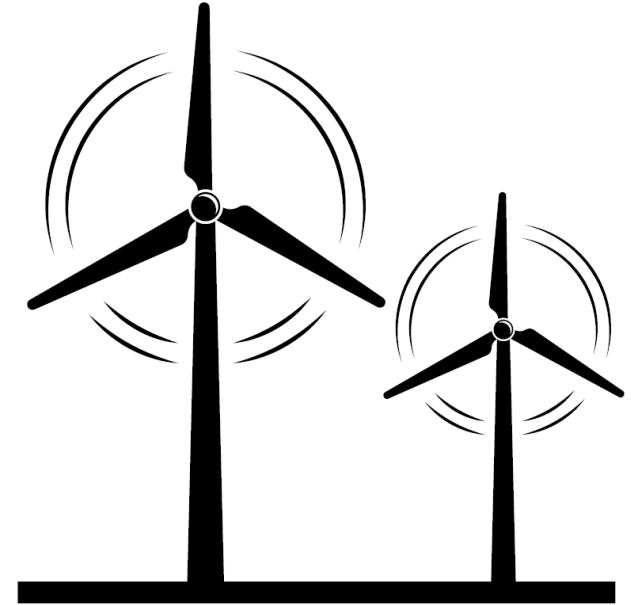


Manitoba Hydro plans to:

- Implement a competitive process
- Award up to 600 MW of utility-scale wind energy projects in southern Manitoba
- Enter into Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) to purchase energy from Wind Generation Facilities

# Project Size

- Each individual Wind Generation Facility shall be sized no larger than 200 MW in nameplate capacity.
- A minimum facility size is still to be determined.



# In-Service Dates

- Manitoba Hydro intends to pursue an expedited schedule for at least one project with commercial operation date as early as 2029.
- To meet such a commercial operation date, construction schedules would be expected to begin as early as Spring 2027.



# Eligible Points of Interconnection



Any proposed Wind Generation Facility must establish a Point of Interconnection (POI) within a **20 km radius** to one of the fourteen (14) identified existing Manitoba Hydro substations at a transmission voltage level of 230 kV.



# Eligible Points of Interconnection (POI)

- POI within a 20 km radius to one of 14 existing Manitoba Hydro substations at a transmission voltage of 230 kV as identified on this map
- These POI have been identified for their integration potential to connect new wind generation in the near-term into the Manitoba Hydro system.
- Proponents are solely responsible for assessing and determining the feasibility of Wind Power Generator and transmission-line development at and to the proposed sites (*including environmental licensing and permits*).

# Project Schedule\*

- Notice of Planned Procurement: Feb/Mar 2025
- Wind Symposium: March 19, 2025
- EOI issued on MERX: Spring 2025
- RFP issued on MERX: Summer 2025
- RFP closing date: Fall 2025
- Successful bids announced: Spring 2026

\*Dates are subject to change

# Independent Power Process Update

Independent Power Producers proposing to sell energy from generation stations in Manitoba should note that proposals for energy from generation stations capable of generating more than 10 megawatts are currently only being considered through the Wind Call for Power Project

Proposals from independent power producers capable of generating 10 megawatts or less are still being considered by submitting proposals to [independentpower@hydro.mb.ca](mailto:independentpower@hydro.mb.ca)

# Indigenous Majority Ownership

# Indigenous Majority Ownership

To be eligible to participate, each individual wind generation facility must be majority-owned by an Indigenous Nation.

**“Indigenous Nation”** for the purposes of this procurement, means a First Nation In Manitoba, or the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF).

**“First Nation In Manitoba”**, for the purposes of this procurement, means a First Nation recognized and identified in Manitoba by Canada

# Indigenous Majority Ownership

- **“Equity Ownership”** will mean, with respect to any Person, the right to receive or the opportunity to participate in any payment or return from, and an exposure to loss or a risk of loss by, the business activities of such Person in relation to the relevant PPA and the proponent’s wind generation facility, by means, directly or indirectly, of an equity interest in a corporation, limited partnership interest in a limited partnership, partnership interest in a partnership, or other similar ownership interest
- **“Indigenous Nation(s) Equity Ownership”** will mean the aggregate percentage of the Equity Ownership of the proponent that is held, directly or indirectly, by Indigenous Nations
- All projects must have a minimum 51% Indigenous Nation(s) Equity ownership

# Procurement Process

## MERX Overview

# Manitoba Hydro Procurement Governing Principles Overview

- As a Crown Corporation, Manitoba Hydro has a fiduciary duty and responsibility to act in the interest of Manitoba Hydro's rate payers.
- This is done by ensuring a “best value” procurement is conducted in a **fair, open, transparent, ethical and non-discriminatory manner**, and by adhering to the principles that govern **public procurement**, corporate goals and policies.




# MERX Overview

- MERX is the Canadian public tendering service where Manitoba Hydro will issue the EOI and RFP for the Wind Call for Power project.
- According to New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) MERX platform is a preferred place to publish solicitation notices for province of Manitoba.
- Manitoba Hydro utilizing MERX platform to publish and receive responses to all its solicitations

# Notice of Planned Procurement (NPP)

<https://www.merx.com/public/solicitations/3341133004/abstract>



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### Pre-Bidding Events

<b>Event Type</b> WIND SYMPOSIUM	<b>Attendance</b> Recommended
<b>Event date</b> 2025/03/19 09:00:00 AM CDT	<b>Location</b> RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre - Pan Am Room
<b>Event Note</b> <b>Event information</b> <b>Date:</b> March 19th, 2025 <b>Location:</b> RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre - Pan Am Room 375 York Ave. Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3J3 <b>Time:</b> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (CST)	
All information presented during the Wind Symposium will be live streamed [Presentations will also be made available afterwards on Manitoba Hydro's website]	

# Transmission Exploratory Study

# Exploratory Study Results

Manitoba Hydro Exploratory Study – New Wind Generation

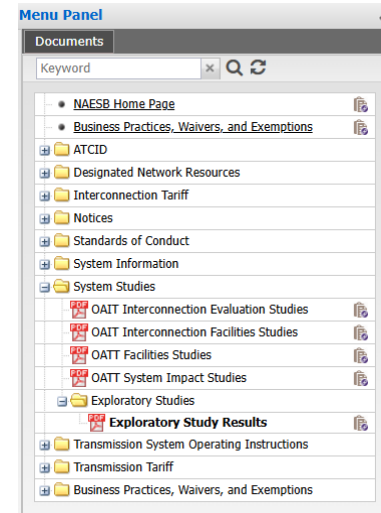
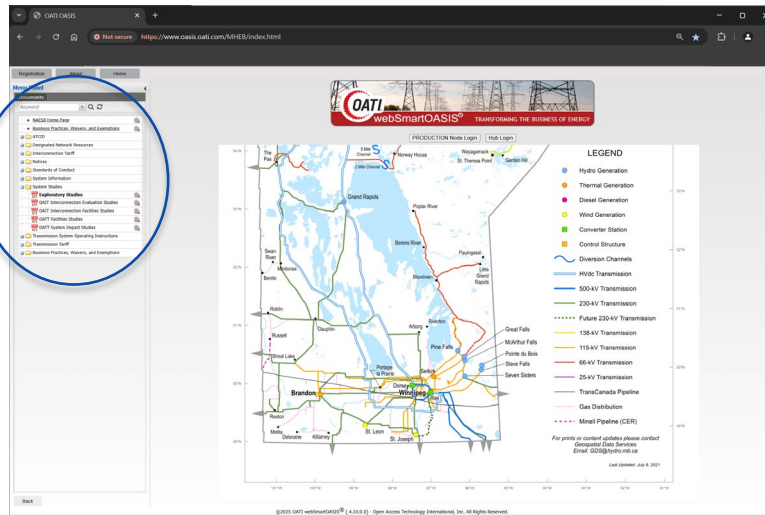
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Manitoba Hydro

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# Results are posted on OASIS

<https://www.oasis.oati.com/MHEB/index.html>



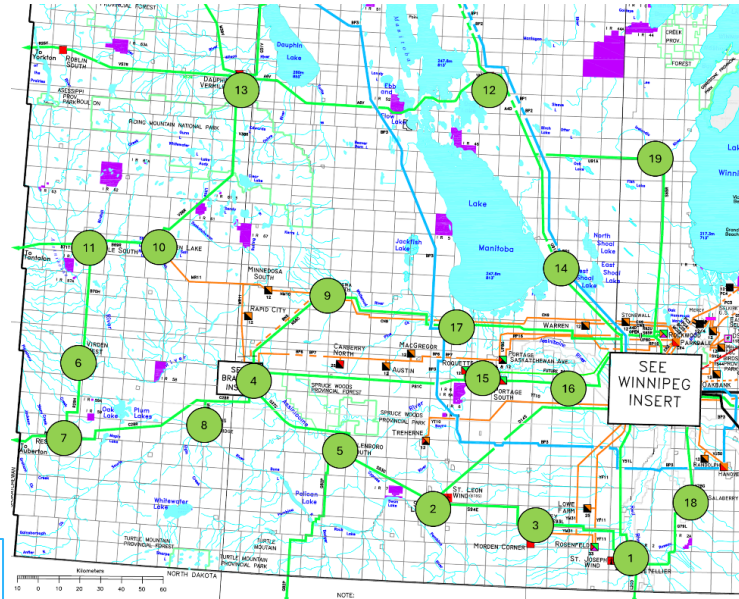
# What is an Exploratory Study?

Manitoba Hydro, in its sole discretion as a Planning Coordinator, may conduct an Exploratory Study to provide prospective **Interconnection Customers with a rough approximation of the costs associated with the interconnection of a Facility and delivery of energy from a Facility to Manitoba load** based on a range of Facility sizes and locations throughout the Province of Manitoba.

# What is the scope of this Study?

- The Exploratory Study focused on examining the available **transmission capability** at specific stations independently.
- The transmission capability can be viewed as the **incremental generation capacity that can be connected to a substation.**

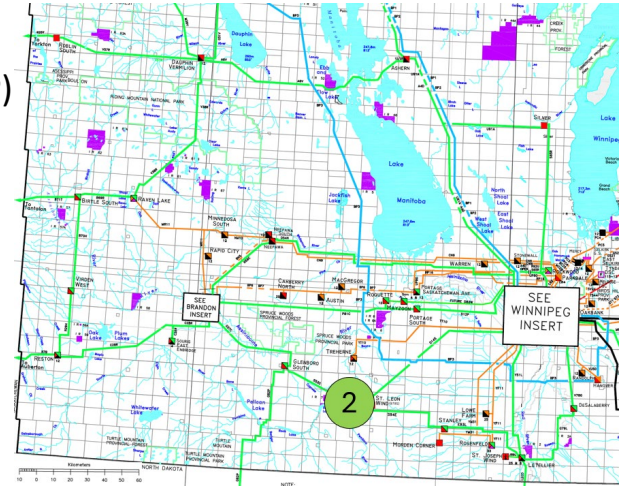
The analysis of transmission capability does not include all aspects of the Manitoba Hydro Open Access Interconnection Tariff, which is the official process for new generator Interconnection Requests.



Index	Station Number	Location
1	2074	Letellier
2	2703	St. Leon
3	2737	Stanley
4	2590	Cornwallis
5	2634	Glenboro
6	2762	Virden
7	2039	Reston
8	2623	Souris
9	2166	Neepawa
10	2591	Raven Lake
11	2644	Birtle
12	2338	Ashern
13	2594	Vermillion
14	New	St. Laurent
15	2801	Wash'ake Mayzoon
16	New	Elie
17	New	Westbourne
18	2819	De Salaberry
19	2500	Silver

# Study Methodology

- Three (3) operating conditions expected in 2033.
  - Winter Peak (WP), Summer Peak (SP), and Summer Off-Peak (SOP)
- Two scenarios:
  - Scenario 1: Existing generation capacity in Manitoba.
  - Scenario 2: Potential installation of 500 MW ( $\pm 100$  MW) of new dispatchable capacity.
- Calculated for each location separately.
  1. Step 1: Steady-state Contingency Analysis (dc power flow).
  2. Step 2: Short circuit analysis.
- Approximate transmission capability = min (step 1, step 2) considering both scenarios.





# Study Methodology

- What constraints are considered in this Exploratory Study?
  - System intact,
  - Single contingency (P1), and
  - Common tower contingencies (P7).
- What constraints are not considered in this Exploratory Study?
  - Range of possible operating conditions (e.g., different generation dispatches, load conditions, or prior outages etc.).
  - P2 to P6 contingencies.
  - Voltage stability and transient stability.
- These constraints would be assessed in the Interconnection Evaluation Study and the Interconnection Facilities Study.

# Are the results cumulative?

- The transmission capabilities are **not cumulative (cannot be added)**.
- These are calculated independently for each location/substation, and **do not consider incremental generation additions at other locations**.
- Adding new generation at one location can impact the available capability at nearby locations and **potentially reduce the capability**.

# Approximate Costs

- The costs are non-binding and have been approximated with an expected accuracy of -50% to +100%.
- Approximate cost of a 230 kV WPP tie line is about \$17 million.
  - Assumed a 10 km long tie-line, approximate unit cost \$1.24M/km
  - Approximate cost of a 230 kV line termination is about \$4.4M.

# Results

Station Number	Location	Approximate Transmission Capability [MW]	Approximate cost [M\$]
2074	Letellier	350 <sup>a</sup>	17
2039	Reston	350 <sup>a</sup>	17
2801	Wash'ake Mayzoon	331	17
2623	Souris	288	17
2634	Glenboro	281	17
2500	Silver	271	17
2703	St. Leon	266	17
2166	Neepawa	219	17
2644	Birtle	182	17
2737	Stanley	166	17
2338	Ashern	132	17
2819	De Salaberry	121	17
2594	Vermillion	50	17

Note: a) The maximum loading of a single WPP tie line is limited to 350 MW.

# Results

Station Number	Location	Approximate Transmission Capability [MW]	Approximate cost [M\$]
2591	Raven Lake	101	21 <sup>b,d</sup>
2762	Virden	225	26 <sup>b,d</sup>
New	Elie	255	41 <sup>b,c</sup>
New	Westbourne	173	41 <sup>b,c</sup>
2590	Cornwallis	257	50 <sup>b,c</sup>
New	St. Laurent	256	50 <sup>b,c</sup>

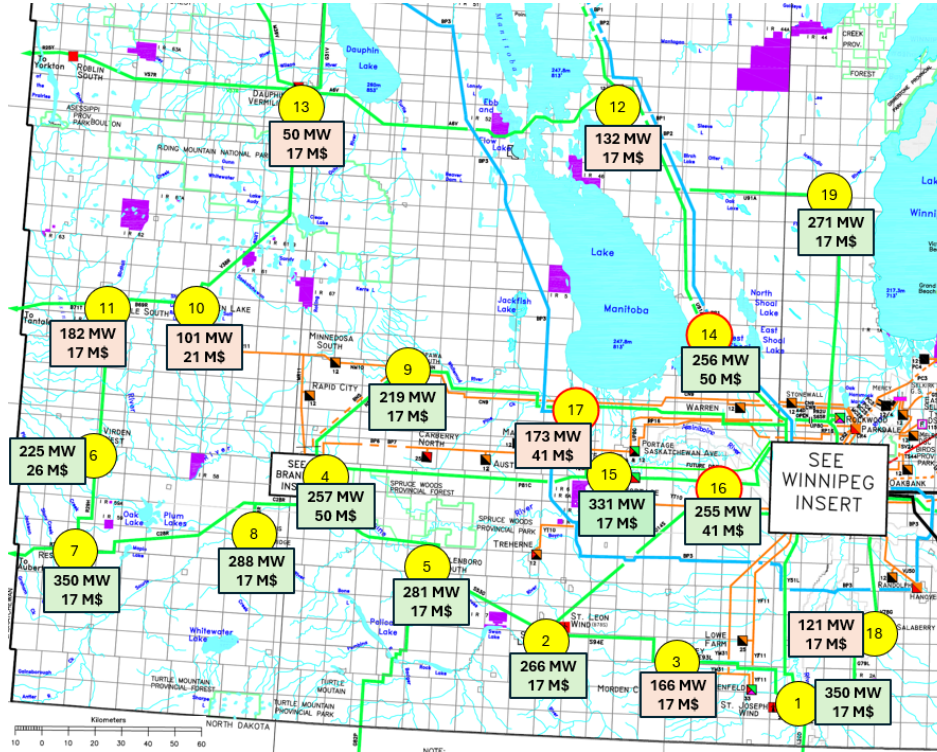
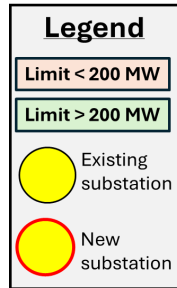
Notes:

b) A 10 km long WPP tie line was assumed. Approximate cost of a 230 kV WPP tie line is about \$17 million.

c) Includes approximate cost of a new substation.

d) May require additional circuit breakers.

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\*Approximate transmission capability, and a preliminary, non-binding, rough approximation of the cost are shown.

# Transmission Interconnection Process aka Resource Solicitation Process

# Resource Solicitation Process

Under the Open Access Interconnection Tariff

Manitoba Hydro

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March 19, 2025



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# Agenda

1. Standards of Conduct
2. Manitoba Hydro Tariffs
3. RSP under the OAIT
4. Post RSP

# Standards of Conduct

- Manitoba Hydro adopted a Standard of Conduct (SOC) to ensure fair competition, prevent any potential anti-competitive behavior, and promote equal access to transmission services for all market participants.
- The SOC requires:
  - ✓ Transmission Functions to be separate from Marketing Functions.
  - ✓ Consistency in the application of Tariff provisions
  - ✓ Restrict the sharing of Transmission Function information.

# Manitoba Hydro's Open Access Tariffs



Not Trade Tariffs currently being reported on in the news.



Regulatory frameworks that ensure open access to High Voltage interconnected networks.



Open Access Tariffs are not the same as tariffs applied to goods and services between countries.

# Manitoba Hydro Tariff's

- Manitoba Hydro has two Open Access Tariffs and associated Business Practice Manuals:
  - Open Access Interconnection Tariff (OAIT)
  - Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)
- The Tariffs outline the terms, conditions and procedures for interconnecting generators and accessing transmissions service.

# OAiT Additional Information



Manitoba Hydro Transmission cannot provide advice or recommendations on any aspect of your Interconnection Request



The contact for the Transmission Owner will communicate solely with the Interconnection Customer contact identified in the Interconnection Request



All communication must be written through either electronic mail or mailed letter.



Information requested from the Interconnection Customer (including modelling information) must be provided on a timely basis.

# OASIS

## Open Access Same-Time Information System

We use OASIS to post:

- Public Notices
- Tariffs and required forms
- Business Practice Manuals (BPMs)
- Transmission System Interconnection Requirements (TSIR)
- Generation Queue
- Tariff flowcharts

Generation Queue:

- RSP Projects with Solicitor will occupy one queue position the Generation Queue.
- Projects are processed according to the project's position in the Queue.

# Resource Solicitation Process (7.2.2)

## Roles

1. **Solicitor** is Manitoba Hydro - Strategic Power Solutions
2. **Interconnection Customer** is/are Proponent(s).
3. **Manitoba Hydro** is Manitoba Hydro System Operations.
4. **Transmission Owner** is Manitoba Hydro in the IOA.



# Solicitor Obligations (7.2.1)

The Solicitor must:

1. Be authorized by the ICs to act as the agent for all the IRs, until the Solicitor selects the successful Interconnection Customer(s),
2. Validate IRs,
3. Submit all IRs at the same time, to ensure single queue position.,
4. Submit a study scenarios and select one scenario prior to the start of the IFS; and
5. Ensure that, the location of the POI's are not changed.

# Responsibilities of the Interconnection Customer

## Adhere

Adhere to all deadlines and information requirements to retain queue position.

## Understand

Understand the commitments and obligations under the OAIT.

## Communicate

Communicate directly with Transmission Services for any exchange of information.

# Resource Solicitation Process

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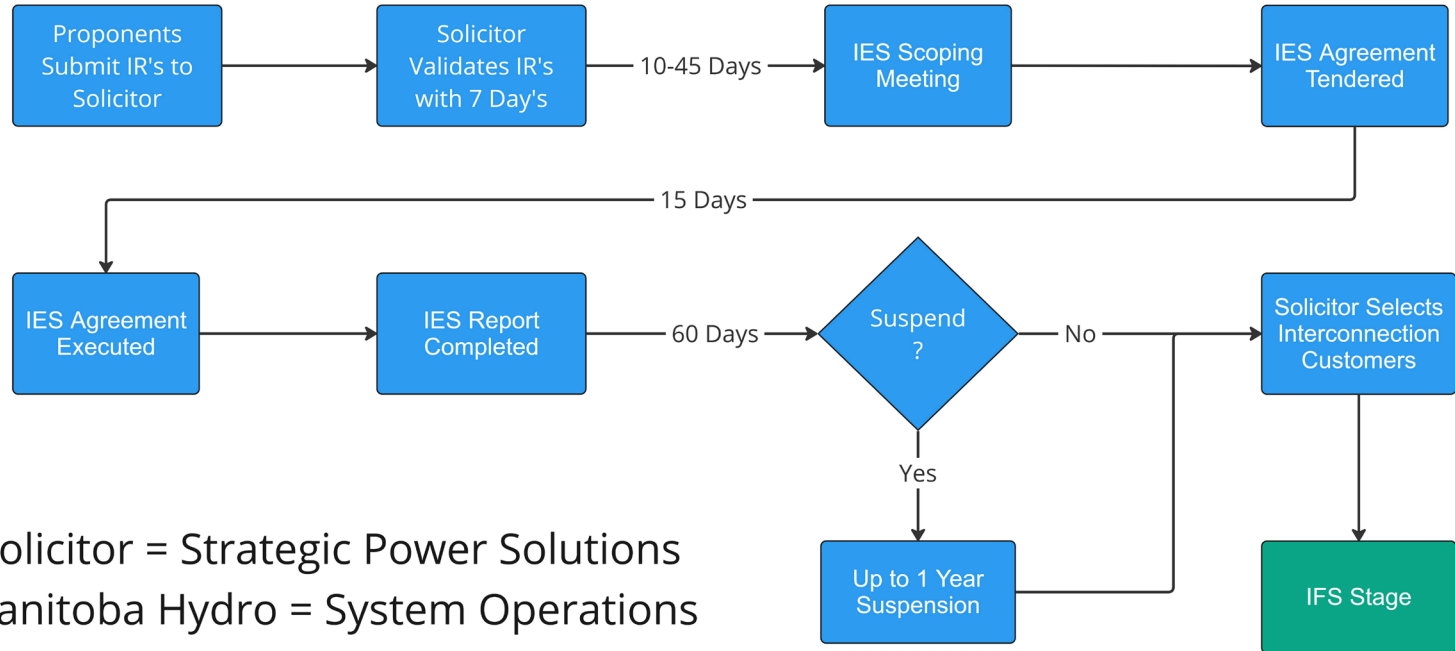
1. Pre-IFS Phase
2. Post IFS Phase

# Interconnection Request

- Submitted by the Interconnection Customer to the Solicitor.
- The person identified in section 11 is the main point of contact with Manitoba Hydro.
- Section 3: “Is this Interconnection Request in response to a Resource Solicitation Process? ☐ ”
- Interconnection Requests validation (3.1.1).
- Site Control (Defined in 1.1.51)

# Resource Solicitation Process

## Pre-IFS

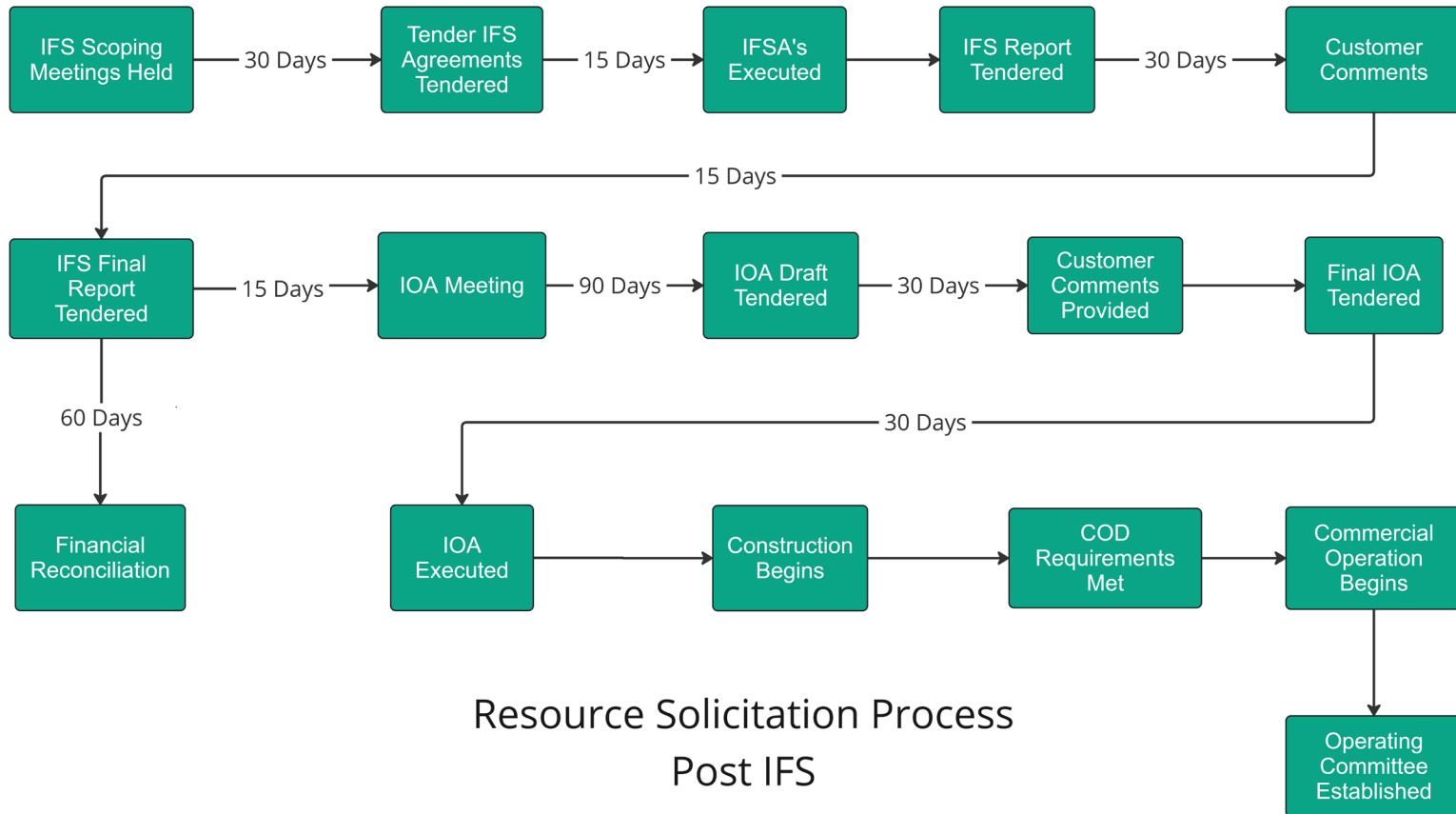


Solicitor = Strategic Power Solutions  
Manitoba Hydro = System Operations

Resource Solicitation OAIT Section 7.2

Day's are Manitoba Hydro business days (Hydro Mondays impact the timelines)

Times shown are the maximum timelines in the OAIT



## Resource Solicitation Process Post IFS

Day's are Manitoba Hydro business days (Hydro Mondays impact the timelines)  
Times shown are the maximum timelines in the OAIT

# Construction

- Construction cannot not begin until the IOA has been executed.
- IOA Article 4 contains the details for Construction and Modification of the Facility, Interconnection Facilities Upgrades and Interconnection System Upgrades.
- 4.2 Construction, speaks to Interconnection Customer Obligations;
  - Interconnection Customer shall, at its expense, design, procure, construct, and install the Facility in accordance with the requirements specified by the Transmission Owner in the IFS Study Report, Interconnection Requirements and Good Utility Practice.
- 4.2.4.2 Construction Commencement. Transmission Owner shall only commence construction of the Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Interconnection System Upgrades identified in the IOA when the conditions are satisfied: .....

# Interconnection and Operating Agreement (IOA)



**Purpose:** Establishes the terms and conditions for interconnecting a generating facility to Manitoba Hydro's transmission system.



**Term:** Specifies the duration of the agreement, typically from the operation date until termination by either party.



**Construction:** Outlines the responsibilities for constructing the interconnection facilities, including specifications and timelines.



**Operation and Maintenance:** Details the operational and maintenance responsibilities of both the generator and Manitoba Hydro.



**Metering:** Specifies the requirements for metering equipment and data sharing between the parties.



# IOA, Cont'd



**Modifications:** Provides guidelines for making modifications to the interconnection facilities and the process for approval.



**Insurance:** Requires the generator to maintain certain levels of insurance coverage.



**Dispute Resolution:** Establishes procedures for resolving disputes that may arise under the agreement.



**Termination:** Outlines the conditions under which the agreement can be terminated by either party.



**Liability and Indemnification:** Defines the liability and indemnification obligations of both parties.

# Pre-Commercial Testing

## 4.2.11 Pre-Commercial Testing:

Prior to the Commercial Operation Date, the Transmission Owner, in cooperation with Interconnection Customer, shall test the Transmission Owner Interconnection Facilities and Interconnection System Upgrades and Interconnection Customer shall test the Facility and Generator Interconnection Facilities to ensure, to the Transmission Owner's satisfaction, their safe and reliable operation in accordance with Good Utility Practice, any applicable Transmission Owner requirements and Applicable Reliability Organization Criteria and Requirements, including Interconnection Requirements and any Applicable Laws and Regulations ("Pre-Commercial Testing"). Testing of the Facility includes testing of each unit of the Facility.

# Commercial Operation

**4.2.13 Commercial Operation:** Interconnection Customer shall not commence Commercial Operation of the Facility or a unit of the Facility until such time as the Interconnection Customer receives from the Transmission Owner a letter in the form of Appendix C to this Agreement confirming that (i) all construction and testing of the Facility or unit of the Facility, Interconnection System Upgrades and Interconnection Facilities has been completed to the Parties' mutual satisfaction; and (ii) the Facility or unit of the Facility has been energized in parallel with the system; and (iii) all invoices or statements for amounts issued by Manitoba Hydro to the Interconnection Customer have been paid in full; and (iv) the Facility or unit of the Facility may commence Commercial Operation.

# RSP Key Take Aways

- Manitoba Hydro enforces a Standard of Conduct ensuring all participants have equal access to the Manitoba Hydro Transmission network.
- Open Access Tariffs are a regulator mechanism common within the Electrical Energy Sector they are not trade tariffs.
- The Resources Solicitation Process under the MH OAIT is split into Pre-IFS Post-IFS phases.
- The OAIT RSP begins with Proponents submitting Interconnection Requests and completes with Commercial Operations.
- Commercial Operation shall not commence until the Interconnection Customer receives a “COD” letter from the Transmission Owner, Manitoba Hydro.

# Wind Symposium Questions

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# Environment Act Licensing: Indigenous-Owned Wind Power Projects

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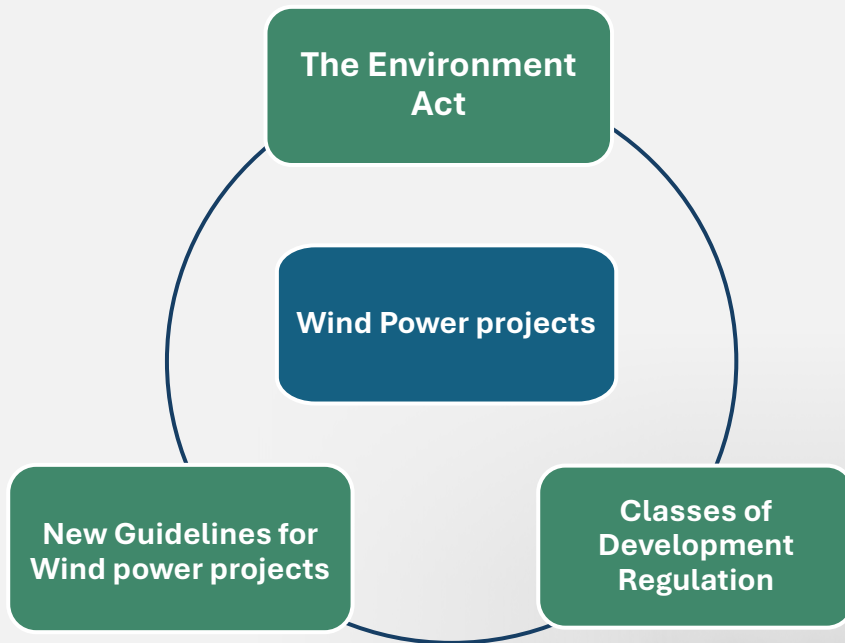
# Environmental Approvals Branch (Environment and Climate Change)

## Role:

- Leads the review of proposals and issues licences and permits under The Environment Act, The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Act and The Water Power Act.



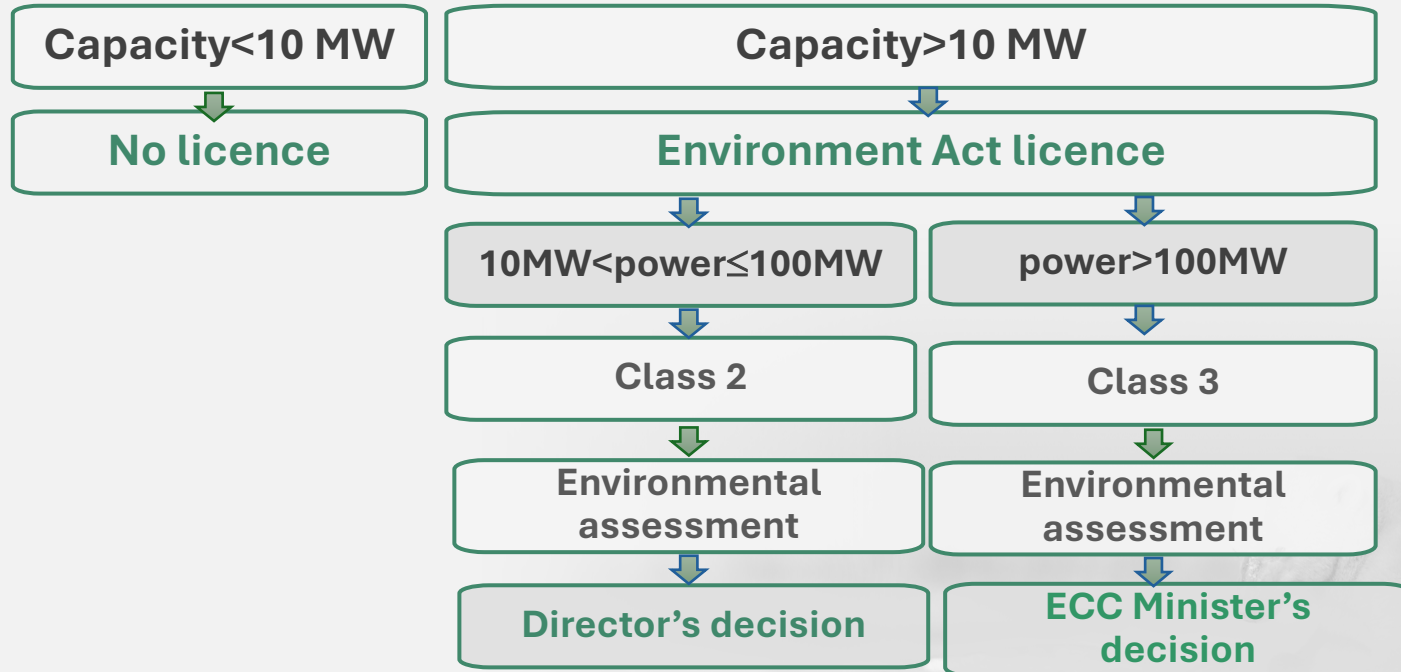
# Regulatory framework





# Licensing requirement

## Wind power projects

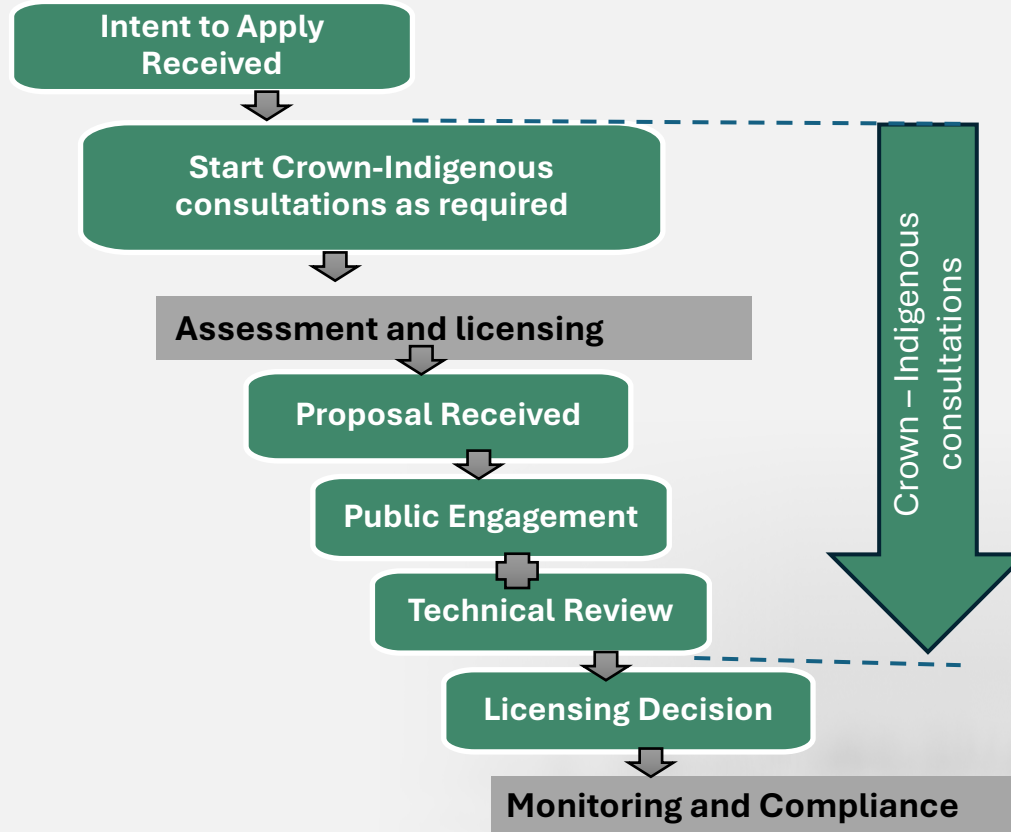


# The new Guidelines for Environment Act Proposals for Wind power projects

- The new guidelines are being developed to provide information on the requirements for submitting a complete application for an Environment Act licence for projects selected through Manitoba Hydro's call for proposals.
- The guidelines will describe the environmental requirements for wind power projects including identification of wildlife, waterways and waterbodies, setbacks from archeological sites, migratory bird nesting sites and bat habitat and other mitigation measures.
- The guidelines will provide proponents with key information needed for environmental assessment and licensing for the selected projects.



# Environmental Assessment and Licensing Process for Wind Power projects approved under the call



# Environment Act licence proposal submission

- This timeline is critical to ensure a meaningful process allowing for construction of the wind power projects to begin in spring 2027.

## Environment Act Intent to Apply

- **Critical submission date:** April 2026
- **Required document:** Environment Act Intent to Apply Form

## Environment Act Proposal submission

- **Critical submission date:** November 2026
- **Required documents:**
  - Cover letter
  - Environment Act Proposal Form
  - Reports, plans and information required by the **new guidelines**
  - Application fee

Guidelines and additional information will be available shortly at:

[www.gov.mb.ca/sd/permits\\_licenses\\_approvals/eal/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/permits_licenses_approvals/eal/index.html)



# Additional considerations

- Other federal, provincial or municipal approvals, licences, permits or authorizations might be required prior to constructing and operating a wind power project.
- It is the responsibility of the proponent to identify and obtain all such approvals before commencing the development.



# Contact us

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# Any questions?





# Manitoba's Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program

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# How We Got Here

Manitoba is committed to clean, affordable, reliable and abundant energy as critical elements for a growing and thriving provincial economy

September 2024,  
launch of Manitoba's  
Affordable Energy Plan:  
Building the Next  
Generation of Clean  
Energy

The AEP is a blueprint  
outlining the next  
generation of energy  
that will keep rates low  
for all Manitobans

# Key Actions in Manitoba's Affordable Energy Plan

**Objective 1:**  
Energy savings  
through efficiency

**Objective 2:**  
Expand clean  
heat to improve  
affordability

**Objective 3:**  
Indigenous owned  
wind

- **Launch government-to-government partnership in wind generation**
- **Introduce an Indigenous loan guarantee program**

**Objective 4:**  
Grid investments  
for more  
generating  
capacity

**Objective 5:**  
Grow the  
economy and  
create more clean  
energy jobs

**Objective 6:**  
Make electric  
vehicle ownership  
affordable for  
Manitobans

# What is a Loan Guarantee Program?

- A loan guarantee is a commitment by the Government of Manitoba (the guarantor) to back a loan taken by an Indigenous Nation or organization from a third-party financial institution
- This guarantee provides additional security to lending institutions, enabling easier access to capital for borrowers
- Proponents will be encouraged to access funding and additional supports from other programs

Indigenous Nations will be engaged to provide insights and input on the design of this and potentially other loan guarantee programs. Engagement will include:

- Community and organizational capacity needs to prepare for and participate in the program
- Existing barriers and obstacles in partnering or participating in large-scale economic development initiatives
- Best approaches to program rollout, access points, minimum loan amounts and program criteria

# The Future Manitoba Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program

## The objectives of the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program:

- Provide access to lower- cost financing for Indigenous Nations
- Foster economic growth
- Promote reconciliation

Manitoba's Affordable Energy Plan emphasizes the importance of wind projects with majority Indigenous ownership – this will be Manitoba's first focus

# What We Know So Far

- Manitoba will commit \$300 million dollars for the first tranche Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program
- The initial commitment is for utility scale wind energy projects that are 51% Indigenous Nation owned as announced in the AEP
- Manitoba Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, Manitoba Finance and the Manitoba Indigenous Reconciliation Secretariat have been given the mandate to develop the program
- Manitoba will take a whole of government approach and engage other departments as necessary
- Meaningful engagement with Indigenous organizations and Nations, key leaders and staff of the Government of Manitoba and Crown Corporations, other jurisdictions and lending institutions, will inform program design and development

# What is Yet to Come

## A Made-in-Manitoba Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program

### Engagement (Now to Mid-April)



### Program Design (Mid-April to End of June)

#### Collaborative working sessions:

- Program eligibility and parameters
- Submission requirements
- Program governance
- Organizational structure
- Submission and evaluation processes
- Agreement development
- Reporting and monitoring

### Program Launch (July 1, 2025)



# Capacity Funding

- Capacity funding to be delivered by the Department of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures
- Capacity funding will ensure that Indigenous communities will have the necessary resources to participate in and benefit from the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program and Manitoba's transition to green energy and economies
- The scope and parameters of capacity funding will be determined as the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program is developed over the next few months



# Communication of This Program

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## Website

Government of Manitoba website

- General information
- Tools and templates
- Questions and answers

## Direct Distribution

To individuals and groups who informed the development and indicated an interest.

- General information
- Applications

## Requests For Information

Email: [IBD.general@gov.mb.ca](mailto:IBD.general@gov.mb.ca)

Inbox for Indigenous Business Development



# Panel Discussion

## Funding & Financing Options

# Thank You!

# Wind Symposium Questions

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