

## SITE C CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT

### ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The construction and operation of Site C will generate economic benefits for British Columbians through job creation, economic development and increased revenues for all levels of government.

Site C's economic development effects were estimated by BC Stats based on an analysis of project construction expenditures. The **BC Stats report** on Site C is included as part of the Site C Environmental Impact Statement.

#### Thousands of jobs

Construction of Site C is creating jobs for British Columbians. In 2017, there was a monthly average of 2,200 workers on the project with a peak of about 2,500 workers in the summer and a low of about 1,500 workers in the winter. As with any construction project, the number of workers will vary month-to-month and also reflects the seasonal nature of construction work.

Site C will provide 25 direct jobs and 160 total jobs on average per year during operations.

Additional employment will result from sustaining investments in the project, such as refurbishment and/or replacement of project components over the life of the project.

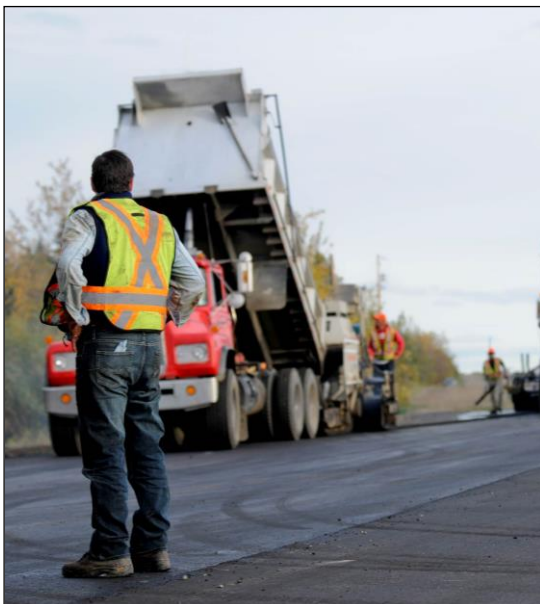
***“The Panel concludes that there would be excellent opportunities for new and existing jobs and businesses during the construction phase.”***

*- Report of the Joint Review Panel, page 201*

#### Increased government revenue and economic activity

The construction of Site C will result in an increase of **\$3.2 billion** to provincial gross domestic product (GDP), including a **\$130 million** increase in regional GDP during construction.

Project construction will result in increased government revenues at the regional, provincial and federal levels, including:



- A total of **\$40 million** in tax revenues during construction to local governments.
- Approximately **\$2 million** per year for local governments during operations from grants-in-lieu and school taxes.
- **\$2.4 million** per year to the Peace River Regional District and its member communities as part of a **regional legacy benefits agreement**. The annual funding is for a period of 70 years, starting when Site C is operational, and will be indexed to inflation.
- **\$35 million** per year in annual water rental payments to the provincial government.
- **\$179 million** in provincial revenues and **\$270 million** in federal revenues from activities during construction.

## Investing in skills and trades training

BC Hydro recognizes the importance of hiring locally for projects such as Site C and other BC Hydro projects in the Peace Region. To help increase the availability of local labour, BC Hydro has invested approximately \$1.5 million in a number of skills and trades training programs.

The following measures are now complete:

- **\$184,000 to Northern Opportunities** for the creation of a school district career counsellor position that helped students transition into trades and career training.
- \$100,000 to the North East Native Advancing Society in support of trades training under its North East Aboriginal Trades Training program.
- \$175,000 over five years to Northern Opportunities for its pre-apprenticeship program.

The following measure is ongoing:

- **\$1 million to Northern Lights College Foundation** to support trades and skills training through the creation of student bursaries.

## Opportunities for local and Indigenous businesses

One of BC Hydro's project objectives for Site C is to provide lasting economic and social benefits for northern communities and Indigenous groups. The procurement approach for Site C is expected to provide opportunities for small, medium and large businesses to participate in the construction of the project.

Site C opportunities are well-aligned to the skills present in the regional business community. Local and Indigenous businesses in the region have the experience and expertise in many relevant types of work, including civil construction (e.g., labour and equipment), clearing, camp operations and environmental mitigation.

BC Hydro's initiatives to increase awareness of business opportunities include:



- The **Site C Business Directory** ensures that interested businesses are provided with information about project opportunities. Interested businesses are encouraged to visit [www.sitecproject.com](http://www.sitecproject.com) to register. The business directory will be shared with contractors involved in project-related activities.
- BC Hydro and its contractors may hold **business-to-business networking sessions** where contractors can meet local suppliers. At these sessions, local, regional and Indigenous businesses have the opportunity to meet proponents, with the objective of building partnerships and creating opportunities for regional contractors.