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Nunatsiavut Government continues to make progress on advancing energy security

The Nunatsiavut Government is seeking proposals to develop 20-kilowatt solar projects in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Postville and Rigolet. Once completed, the projects will produce nearly 70 megawatt hours of clean electricity a year and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions by over 60 tonnes – equivalent to displacing about 20,000 litres of diesel annually.

Jointly funded by Natural Resources Canada's Indigenous Off-Diesel Initiative, as well as from a private sector donation from DECIEM Inc., the projects will be completed in partnership with the four Inuit Community Governments. The electricity produced will be used to help offset energy costs to operate community centres.

Two youth from each Labrador Inuit community will be recruited to undergo solar energy fundamentals training, and given the opportunity to gain valuable work experience on the four installations.

"Building upon the success of the Makkovik 50-kilowatt solar project, the first commercial renewable energy installation in our region, once these four projects are completed all of our communities will be producing clean, renewable power, and our trained youth will be well positioned to lead Nunatsiavut's sustainable energy sector moving forward," notes Nunatsiavut President Johannes Lampe.

The open tender for the four projects, which are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, closes on July 23. The tender documents are available on the Nunatsiavut Government website at www.nunatsiavut.com.

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