

Background

2016

Nuclear Economic —— Development & Innovation Initiative

Bruce Power made a deliberate effort to grow its supply chain in the Clean Energy Frontier region Initiative evolved into the Clean Energy Frontier Program

Funded by
Bruce Power &
Bruce County

2023

Bruce, Grey & Huron counties formally endorsed the Clean Energy Frontier Program

Successful; Bruce Power went from **13** major suppliers in the region five years ago to more than **60** today



2016 major suppliers



Innovation at work

13 major suppliers

3 communities

1 county



13 BRUCE COUNTY

- 7 KINCARDINE
- 4 PORT ELGIN
- 2 TIVERTON



2024 major suppliers



Innovation at work

60+ major suppliers

14 communities

3 counties and

1 SON community



2 BRUCE COUNTY

- 22 KINCARDINE
- 1 PAISLEY
- 19 PORT ELGIN
- 1 SOUTHAMPTON
- 1 TEESWATER
- 6 TIVERTON
- 1 UNDERWOOD
- 1 WALKERTON

7 GREY COUNTY

- 1 ELMWOOD
- 1 DURHAM
- 5 OWEN SOUND

2 HURON COUNTY

- 1 GODERICH
- 1 WINGHAM

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Threefold mandate set out in 2023 MOU

As agreed to in 2023 MOU [Bruce Power, Bruce County, NII]

- Promoting the region as a leader in clean energy through marketing and engagement.
- Supporting economic development and investment attraction across the tri-county region.
- Increasing awareness of clean energy initiatives amongst elect officials and the public.



Promoting the region as a leader in clean energy

- Actively promotes the region's clean energy advantage within the region and in external forums.
- Works with local elected officials and staff from across the region to **share and develop messages** about the local clean energy sector.
- Received Rural Economic Development program funding to further promote the region.
- Has undertaken region-specific research and analysis to equip local officials.
- Developing region-specific plans based on Summit 2024 event.





Supporting economic development and investment attraction

- Meets quarterly with economic development staff from across the region via the **Economic Development** Working Group.
- Serves as a resource for local economic development staff with respect to clean energy.
- Undertakes region-specific analysis and initiatives to build the case for localized investment in clean energy.
- Supports international delegations. In 2023, Business France and the United Kingdom's Department of Business and Trade travelled to Bruce County. Their visit was organized by CEF and OCNI.





Increasing awareness of clean energy initiatives

- Works with local elected officials and staff to provide key messages on local energy projects and initiatives.
 - The CEF's Plain Language Toolkit was launched in 2023 and provides key information on topics like: nuclear energy, nuclear waste, medical isotopes, energy storage and more.
- Hosts an annual summit event which brings together local elected officials and industry experts to collectively discuss local sectoral initiatives and challenges.
- Provides opportunities to learn more about projects via tours and engagement opportunities (ex. trip to NWMO's Oakville Discovery and Demonstration Centre, Bruce Power Bus Tour, and more).







Bruce County's role

Bruce County plays a critical role in setting the direction for the program and is involved at multiple levels, including:

- ► Management Team As per 2023 MOU includes Bruce County CAO and Bruce Power Director of Community, Media Relations, and Economic Development. Management team meeting cadence to be set in the coming weeks.
- ► **Economic Development Working Group** Includes economic development staff from Bruce County, Grey County, and Huron County. *Economic Development Working Group meets quarterly.*
- ▶ **Regional Steering Committee** Bruce County holds a Co-Chair role as well as two (2) additional representatives. *Regional Steering Committee meets twice annually (March & September).*



Moving forward – together.

2024 promises to be a great year for the program. Work ahead includes:

- **Promoting our clean energy contributions** Using RED funding noted earlier, the program will execute a comprehensive plan to promote the region as a leader in clean energy.
- Advocating for the region The Clean Energy Frontier Summit 2024 collected important feedback from regional leaders on a collective approach in advocating for ourselves. CEF will be exploring initiatives to advance this work.
- ► Continued focus on sustainable growth Leveraging connections from other NII programs and sectoral partners to create new engagement opportunities for the Clean Energy Frontier region.





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Thank you!