

Enclosure 1
Federal Authority Advice Record
Response due by June 14, 2023
Marmora Clean Energy Hub Project
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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

ESDC does not exercise powers, nor perform specific duties or functions related to the Project to enable it to proceed.

The ESDC Minister's powers, duties and functions extend to and include all matters relating to human resources and skills development in Canada or the social development of Canada over which Parliament has jurisdiction, and which are not by law assigned to any other Minister, department, board or agency of the Government of Canada.

1b. Please describe any Indigenous or public consultation that will be undertaken in relation to the exercise of that power, duty or function, including when it would take place.

While ESDC is not engaging with Indigenous groups regarding specific projects, it can provide the IAAC with information about relevant programming to assist in responses to Indigenous nations and members of the public.

ESDC also offers a suite of programming to promote an efficient and inclusive labour market that includes the following:

Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program

- The ISET Program provides funding to Indigenous service delivery organizations across Canada that design and deliver job training services to First Nations, Inuit, Métis and urban/non-affiliated Indigenous people in their communities.
- The ISET service delivery organizations work closely with employers to identify Labour Market needs. Organizations link training needs to the job market by providing skills and training required to find a job such as: a suite of skills development and job training, from essential skills such as literacy and numeracy to more advanced training for in-demand jobs.
- They also offer a range of wrap-around services (such as help with childcare supports and transportation) during training in order for individuals to achieve long-term career goals. Service delivery organizations are responsible for retaining client information such as: number of skilled workers, training history, and education (Certificates/Diplomas) and Apprenticeships.

Skills and Partnership Fund

- The Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF) is a demand-driven, project-based program that encourages stakeholders, such as training institutions, community organizations, local business and industry, to partner with Indigenous organizations to support skills development, job training and employment supports for Indigenous people. These partnerships are intended to better meet local labour market demands.
- Under SPF, Indigenous service providers design and implement projects to meet their partners' specific employment goals, with the objective of employment and increased integration in the labour market. This includes the testing of innovative approaches to providing labour market training and improving employment outcomes for Indigenous people.

Other ESDC programs and services can be found [here](#).

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify the specialist or expert information or knowledge.

As a federal authority, ESDC provides advice on: social development; learning, skills development, employment, unemployment, underrepresented groups, and; working conditions and workplace relations, including relevant programming with respect to Indigenous Peoples.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify.

No.

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4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example: an enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

Provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

No.

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5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above, including information on the geographic, environmental, economic or social context of the project? (e.g. location of protected or sensitive areas, previous history between local communities and proponent or similar projects, local or regional social or economic concerns)?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

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6. What are the key issues likely to be relevant to the public interest decision, based on the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department, and which should be addressed in an impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that one is required?

For each key issue:

- Describe the effect or the nature of the issue, including any relevant context;
- Provide the rationale and/or evidence for why it is a key issue;
- Identify briefly solutions to the issue, including any information or studies that should be required in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, potential mitigation measures, and/or regulatory requirements relevant to the issue;
- Provide a concise, plain-language summary of the issue for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

The information provided will be used by the Agency to determine if and an impact assessment is required and where appropriate to develop project-specific draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines that focus on the key issues likely to be relevant to the public interest decision.

Below are some examples of subject areas that ESDC would focus on in its review of the Project (to be developed at subsequent stages of the Project documentation):

- **Community profiles with the following socio-economic information relevant to ESDC's mandate:**
 - The current socio-demographic characteristics of the economic sector workforce of the project;
 - The labour force characteristics by age group and sex (if possible) of all impacted communities including the availability of skilled and unskilled workers, existing working conditions, wages and/or average salary range, full-time and part-time employment and training; inclusion of a hiring strategy and any efforts made towards promoting an inclusive labour market;
 - The anticipated number of jobs created, how they will be added over the project's lifespan, jobs created in Canada vs. other countries, the type of skills and knowledge that could be required to support the completion of the project; how the project's budget will be spent in the local region and the province and how it would benefit the local area;
 - The main economic activities in the study area;
 - Accessibility to programming similar to the following: Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program (ISET), and Skills and Partnership Fund(SSWP);
 - Employment barriers to participation for local under-represented groups such as visible minorities, indigenous person, people from a lower socioeconomic status, persons with disabilities, and GBA+ groups;
 - Availability, affordability and appropriateness of child care as part of the measurement of the change in infrastructure in services; and
 - Baseline conditions and projected impacts, for example, as outlined in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) template.
- **Information regarding both local and other relevant labour markets. This includes initial labour market conditions and the anticipated impacts of the Project on the labour market, including:**
 - training and hiring strategies, including the intent to support diversity and inclusion throughout them;
 - effects to employment and how any adverse effects to employment would be managed, or mitigated;
 - applying a gender-based analysis plus (GBA+) lens in considering the effects to employment (e.g. consideration of underrepresented groups).

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7. Where possible, identify any clarifications or additional information the Proponent could include in the Detailed Project Description or in the response to the Summary of Issues that would:
- give confidence that an issue or effect could be addressed and managed;

- inform the decision as to whether an impact assessment is required; or
- aid in tailoring the Impact Statement Guidelines, if an impact assessment is required.

These clarifications and additional information will be included as specific questions in the Summary of Issues provided to the proponent

- **It is recommended that engagement take place with the existing ESDC programming, for example, ISET service delivery network, occur to ensure that the existing federal training network is utilized.**
- **It is encouraged for the proponent to make a clear and early attempt at applying GBA+ throughout their analysis. In situations where it may not be feasible to provide all the necessary information, particularly in the initial stages of the project, we request that the proponent clarifies their intentions to implement GBA+. This can be achieved by specifying the information they intend to include in the future, aiming to minimize the volume of comments due to missing details.**

8. For departments with information about local context?
a. **No.**

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