

## ADVANCED MATERIALS CHALLENGE



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### **Agenda**

- About Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA)
- Advanced Materials Challenge Overview
  - Scope and eligibility
  - Submission and evaluation process
  - Timelines
- Advice for preparing a successful submission
- Q&A



#### **About ERA**

#### **MANDATE**

Reduce GHG emissions and grow Alberta's economy by accelerating the development and adoption of innovative technology solutions.

#### **VISION**

Alberta has competitive industries that deliver sustainable environmental outcomes, attract investment, and are building a diversified, lower carbon economy.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES







#### **TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION**

\$954M
TOTAL INVESTMENT



296
PROJECTS

36.0 MILLION TONNES

OF CUMULATIVE EMISSIONS REDUCTION BY 2030

102.2 MILLION TONNES

OF CUMULATIVE EMISSIONS

**REDUCTION BY 2050** 

\$7.42 BILLION TOTAL PROJECT VALUE

LEVERAGED FUNDING FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTORS

ACCELERATING UPTAKE OF COMMERCIAL-READY TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH THE ENERGY SAVINGS FOR BUSINESS PROGRAM

\$47M (5)
INVESTED (5)

PROJECTS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE ENERGY SAVINGS FOR BUSINESS PORTFOLIO

3 7 MT OF LIFETIME EMISSIONS REDUCED

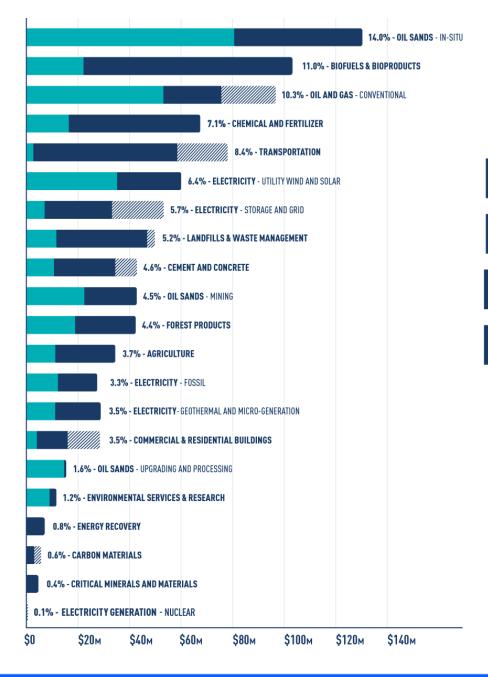
## **ALL PROJECTS**

46,505 PERSON-YEAR JOBS IN ALBERTA BY 2027



FERSON-YEAR JOBS IN CANADA BY 2027

\$9.26 BILLION
GDP IMPACT TO
CANADA BY 2027



# INVESTING IN A BALANCED PORTFOLIO: ERA'S INVESTMENTS BY SECTOR

#### COMPLETED

Projects have completed all requirements as per the contribution agreement.

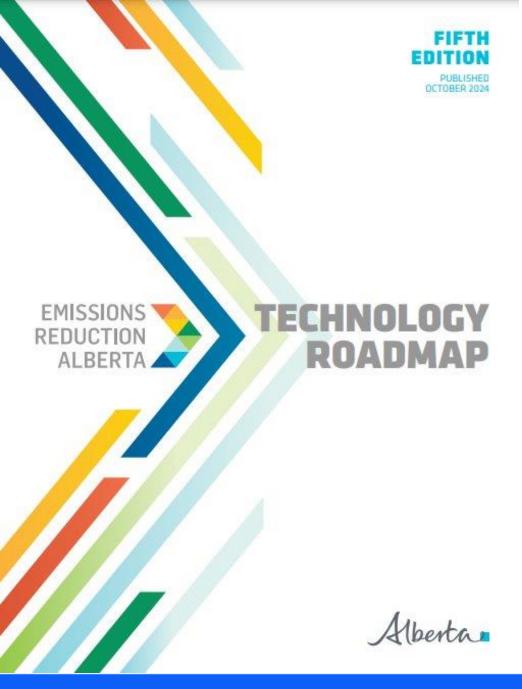
#### IN PROGRESS

Projects have an executed contribution agreement. Funds have been committed.

#### **CONTRACTING**

Projects approved for funding but in the process of executing the contribution agreement.

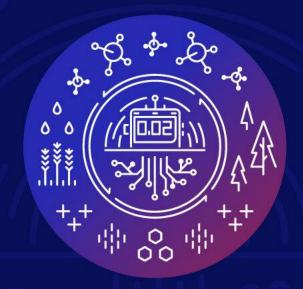




## Technology focus areas

- Carbon Management
- Improved Efficiency
- Emerging Energy
- Industrial Decarbonization
- Circular Economy

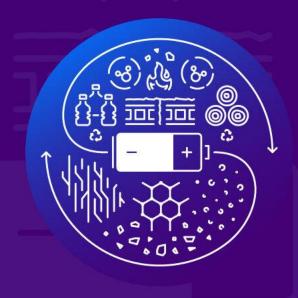




EMERGING INNOVATORS CHALLENGE



INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE



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#### **Trusted Partners**







Natural Resources Ressources naturelles
Canada
Canada



























## ADVANCED MATERIALS CHALLENGE



### Background

- Alberta is a major producer of natural resources, material goods, and manufactured products
- Subsectors include: cement, plastics, metals, forest products, chemicals, etc.
- Common needs across materials sectors:
  - reduce embodied carbon
  - enhance material properties with additives and/or new formulations
  - improve circularity
- Alberta Innovates has led the way on many new materials like high value carbon
- ERA funding can accelerate commercialization and scale up of nascent technologies



### **Funding overview**

- Up to \$40 million available
- Maximum \$5 million per project
- Minimum of \$250,000
- Funding must be matched at least 1:1
- Leverage with funding partners where possible

See *Eligible Expense and Cost Instructions* for details regarding eligibility of costs



## **Eligible applicants**













#### **Technology examples**

- Novel carbon materials
- Production of non-combustion products from bitumen or other hydrocarbons
- Circular plastics and other low-emissions plastics technologies
- Novel materials with applications in carbon capture and sequestration
- Novel production and/application of biochar and other carbon-absorbing minerals



### Technology examples, cont'd

- Production and processing of critical minerals
- Material performance enhancements and/or embodied carbon reduction
- Novel materials solutions for emissions reduction in industry
- Waste-to-value and recycling solutions for waste streams (municipal, food, agricultural, industrial, wastewater, etc.)
- Energy supply chain
- Biomaterials and bioproducts



#### Out of scope technologies

- Business as usual recycling or waste management processes
- Production of plastic feedstocks without an end-user
- Biochar production without an end-user
- Projects whose primary focus is production of biofuels or other fuels
- Standalone pre-construction studies



### **Technology stage of development**

- Prototype
- Field Test / Pilot
- Commercial Demonstration
- First-of-Kind Commercial Implementation



#### Project structure, term, initiation

- ERA funds "Projects" with clear objectives, milestones, timelines, deliverables and a budget
- Maximum length is three years, plus one year of operational time
- Technologies must be demonstrated or deployed in Alberta



#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) STAGE**



















**Public Call** for EOIs

E0I Submission

**Expert Team Evaluation** 

Shortlist Decision

**Decision Letter** to Applicants

#### **FULL PROJECT PROPOSAL (FPP) STAGE**



**FPP** Submission



Oral Presentation



**Expert Team Evaluation** 



Board Decision



**Decision Letter** to Applicants

## and evaluation process

**Submission** 

#### PROJECT EXECUTION STAGE



















Sharing of Results

Work Plan **Finalization** 

Contribution Agreement

Project Monitoring

**Progress** Reporting



#### **Timelines**

Action	By whom	Timing
Expression of Interest Submission Deadline	Applicants	January 22, 2025
Expression of Interest Shortlist Notification	ERA	March 2025
Full Project Proposal Submission Deadline	Applicants	April 2025
Full Project Proposal Oral Presentation	Applicants	May 2025
Funding Decision Notification	ERA	June 2025



## Outcomes reporting and knowledge sharing















#### Preparing a successful submission

- Start now: <a href="http://eralberta.ca/apply-for-funding/">http://eralberta.ca/apply-for-funding/</a>
- Register on Grant Manager: <a href="https://erims.outcome-plus.com/">https://erims.outcome-plus.com/</a>
- Read the guidelines documents
  - Call for Expressions of Interest
  - Eligible Expense and Cost Instructions
- Review the evaluation criteria:
  - Innovation opportunity
  - Implementation Plan
  - GHG Benefits
  - Non-GHG Benefits
  - Market and Value Proposition



#### **Additional tips**

- Use clear language and address each point in template
- Provide complete responses
- Don't wait until the last day to submit
- Increase your visibility through our trusted partners
- Content reminders:
  - Our mandate centers around GHG reductions
  - Identify your project site
  - o Emphasize broader benefits and line of sight to commercialization



## Questions?



#### Wrap up and next steps

- Unanswered questions?
  - 1. Review the guidelines and supporting materials online, eralberta.ca
  - 2. Email remaining questions to <a href="mailto:applications@eralberta.ca">applications@eralberta.ca</a>
- Begin your submission today



## Thank you!

