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Solar Manufacturer Creating 50 Jobs In Burlington

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McGuinty Government Builds Clean Energy Economy As Province Continues To Turn The Corner

Ontario's shift toward clean, renewable energy is strengthening the province's economy by attracting good jobs, investment and opportunities for Burlington-area families.

Siemens Canada recently made its first shipment of solar inverters for Ontario's growing clean energy economy to two solar farms. The inverters manufactured at the company's Burlington facility each year will enable solar projects in Ontario to produce enough electricity each year to power 32,000 homes. The company is on its way to creating 50 jobs as a result of this clean energy strategy.

Ontario is replacing dirty, coal-fired plants with cleaner sources of renewable energy like water, wind, solar and bio-energy. It's part of the province's plan to keep costs down for families today, while building a clean, modern and reliable electricity system for tomorrow.

Ontario's Green Energy Act will create 50,000 clean energy jobs by the end of 2012. Over 13,000 jobs have already been created as a result of our plan.

QUICK FACTS

- * Ontario's clean energy economy has attracted more than \$20 billion of investment and already created over 13,000 jobs.

- * Solar inverters are used to convert the DC power generated by solar panels to the AC power used by the electricity grid.

- * Ontario has the most solar energy of any jurisdiction in Canada, and Ontario is home to the 10 largest solar farms in Canada.

- * Ontario forecasts that by 2018 10,700 megawatts of renewable power from wind, solar and bio-energy will have been brought online - enough electricity each year to power more than 2 million homes.

- * Since 2009, more than 30 businesses have announced they are setting up or expanding plants to manufacture parts for the solar and wind industry.

* Coal-fired generation was down 90 per cent in the first three months of 2011 compared to the same timeframe in 2003.

* An average household can expect to save about \$150 in 2011 through the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, which is taking 10 per cent off electricity bills for the next five years. It has helped average household bills remain flat compared with the same time last year.

* Ontario has conserved more than 1,700 megawatts of electricity over the past five years - the equivalent of taking more than half a million homes off the electricity grid.

LEARN MORE

- * Read about Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan.
- * Find out more about the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit.
- * Explore renewable energy in Ontario.
- * Get tips on managing energy costs.

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