



Jobs, Investment, Certainty ...and Cleaner Air

The Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition strongly supports the federal government's commitment to supply 90% of the nation's electricity needs from non-emitting sources by 2020. Increased deployment of low impact renewable power will assist in the achievement of this goal. The ecoENERGY for Renewable Power Program (eERP) accelerates investment in new, sustainable electricity infrastructure development in Canada. However, the program will have allocated all of its existing funding by March 31, 2009.

The Coalition is calling on the federal government to expand and extend the eERP program in the 2009 federal budget to support the deployment of an additional 8,000 MW of new renewable energy development in Canada by March 31, 2014.

Rather than ending funding for eERP, it is important to expand and extend the program to the level recommended. Now is the time to create certainty in the renewable energy industry in Canada. The current eERP allocation has supported the deployment of 4,000 MW of new, renewable power in Canada. The Coalition is advocating support for a further 8,000 MW.

As the program extension ramps up, this proposal will only cost \$15 million in the first year (2009), \$40 million in 2010 and slightly more than \$600 million in total for the fiscal period between 2009 and 2014. **A Federal government accelerated infrastructure investment of this nature will result in well over \$6 billion in domestic investment and 8,000 new jobs in Canada over the next five years.**

The goal is to create certainty in the Canadian renewable energy marketplace so that:

- Investors and bankers increase their support for the industry
- Provinces and territories see support for their own renewable policies
- Manufacturers of renewable energy equipment and technology establish facilities in Canada

The Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition is a unique alliance of Canadian energy and environmental organizations which looks forward to working with the federal government to bring about jobs, investment, certainty, ... and cleaner air.