

Backgrounder

Voith Hydro: Turbines and Generators Contract for Site C

Voith Hydro is a group division of Voith, and is one of the world's leading full-line suppliers for hydroelectric equipment, technology and services.

Working with BC Hydro, the Government of British Columbia, local subcontractors, trade unions, First Nations, and other stakeholders, Voith Hydro is committed to making the project a success for decades to come.

Providing jobs, apprenticeships and business opportunities for the local community

- Voith Hydro will employ an average of 70 people at the site with 150 during the peak of installation in 2022. The work is expected to create 400 person-years of employment over the duration of the contract.
- The majority of work will be performed by millwrights, electricians, pipefitters and boilermakers with opportunities for apprentices in each of those trades.
- Based on Voith Hydro's experience on other BC Hydro projects in the Peace Region, Voith Hydro has established relationships with local businesses and suppliers and will be relying on local subcontractors for a variety of site work.

Participation from 10 BC building trades unions

Voith Hydro has negotiated a labour agreement with the Bargaining Council of BC Building Trades Unions for the supply and installation of the turbines and generators for the Site C project. This labour agreement includes participation from the following BC building trades unions:

- International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers & Helpers Lodge 359
- British Columbia Regional Council of Carpenters
- Construction Maintenance and Allied Workers
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 993
- Local 97 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Ironworkers
- Construction and Specialized Workers' Union, Local 1611
- Millwrights, Machine Erectors and Maintenance Union, Local 2736
- International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 115
- United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters of United States and Canada, Local 170
- Teamsters Union, Local 213

Maximizing First Nations' involvement

Voith Hydro is a member of the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business (CCAB) and is enrolled in the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) Program.

- Voith Hydro has developed a plan to maximize First Nations' involvement at Site C, and will continue to consult with local leaders and the CCAB during construction.
- Voith Hydro will construct an onsite manufacturing facility to build larger project components. Voith Hydro will favour First Nations organizations for subcontracted work on this manufacturing facility.

A leader in hydropower sustainability

- Voith Hydro's advanced hydropower technology includes state-of-the-art equipment for safer fish passage, reduced water pollution, and other measures to ensure hydropower facilities operate in concert with the surrounding environment.

In Canada, Voith Hydro is headquartered in Montreal and has worked extensively on projects in western Canada and British Columbia, including the Gordon M. Shrum Generating Station at the W.A.C. Bennett Dam, the Revelstoke Generating Station Unit 5, the Waneta Project and the Ruskin Dam and Powerhouse Upgrade.