Backgrounder



Commitment to Local Economy and Jobs

Peace River Hydro Partners (PRHP) are committed to providing economic opportunity throughout the project to the residents and businesses of the Peace region, with a particular focus on local jobs training and apprenticeships. PRHP expects to have up to 600 people working on construction of the Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) by May 2016, and up to 1,500 workers at peak construction in mid-2018, in addition to jobs such as component manufacturing, transportation and related services.

Peace River Hydro Partners and their subcontractors are committed to:

- 1) Hiring local workers throughout the lifecycle of the project
 - Jobs on Site C will include: machine operators, tunnelers, carpenters, construction supervisors, surveyors, engineers, electrical and mechanical professionals, labourers and administrators.
 - PRHP partners ACCIONA and Petrowest have a proven track record of hiring local workers and contractors on the Fort St. John Hospital project.
- 2) Providing training opportunities, including apprenticeships, to local residents in order to build a skilled labour force and long-term capacity for future projects in the region
 - During the Fort St. John Hospital Project, PRHP partner ACCIONA worked with Northern Lights College to set up training programs in the region.
- 3) Posting Site C jobs to websites in British Columbia, by specifying job locations in the Peace region, so that local employees can access jobs easily.
 - PRHP will post project jobs to WorkBC Employment Connections Fort St. John (<u>http://www.employmentconnections.bc.ca/</u>).
- 4) Holding local events to meet in person with workers and local and Aboriginal businesses to discuss project opportunities and encourage local participation.
 - PRHP will hold job fairs with BC Hydro in order to highlight employment opportunities to the local workforce.

Peace River Hydro Partners will be working with CLAC (Christian Labour Association Canada) and CMAW (Construction Maintenance and Allied Workers Canada) on this contract. Consistent with BC Hydro's managed open site approach, PRHP will be working with other union and non-union groups on Site C opportunities.

About Peace River Hydro Partners

Peace River Hydro Partners is a partnership between Petrowest Corporation, ACCIONA Infrastructure Canada Inc. and Samsung C&T Canada Ltd.

• ACCIONA Infrastructure Canada Inc. has been operating in Canada since 2001 and headquartered in Vancouver, B.C. since 2006. Recently it completed the Fort St. John Hospital, in partnership with Petrowest.



- Petrowest Corporation was established in 2006, upon the acquisition of Quigley Contracting which was established in B.C. in 1990 by Rick Quigley, a lifelong resident of Fort St. John. The Petrowest group of companies operates out of Northeast B.C. and Western Canada. Petrowest houses four divisions in Fort St. John.
- Samsung C&T Canada Ltd. has been operating in Canada since 2012.

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