



**Federal Government Corporate Plans (2024 – 2025)
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1.0 National Research Council of Canada (NRCC)

The NRC will support the construction industry's decarbonization efforts through the development of low carbon construction materials and systems. As announced in Budget 2022, the NRC's Platform to Decarbonize the Construction Sector at Scale will work with stakeholders to develop new low-carbon standards, specifications, guidelines and National Model Codes. The NRC has also launched two new Challenge programs to bring together leading innovators to tackle this issue:

- **The Low Carbon Built Environment Challenge Program** will enable industry to build construction tools, materials and products that will reduce life-cycle carbon emissions of buildings and infrastructure. The results of the program will make it possible to design, procure, build, retrofit and operate built structures that contribute to achieving the Government of Canada's goals of 40% lower carbon emissions by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050.
- **The Construction Sector Digitalization and Productivity Challenge Program** will develop digital, fit-for-purpose solutions to empower construction professionals in the transition to low-carbon operations, and work with industry and academia to develop and implement a roadmap to further guide the digitalization of the construction sector. The program will perform research and development to encourage greater environmental and productivity benefits from modular low-carbon solutions.

Platform to Decarbonize Construction Sector at Scale

As part of the new national Platform to Decarbonize the Construction Sector at Scale led by the Construction Research Centre, the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) has developed the Low Carbon Built Environment Challenge program. This program aims to accelerate decarbonization across the entire Canadian construction industry.

Working with industry, academia, governments and other stakeholders, the NRC set up this program to support the development and use of low carbon materials and systems and improved approaches to operations and maintenance. The program will also support the development of carbon accounting and decision support methodologies that will minimize, and ultimately eliminate, the life-cycle carbon emissions of buildings and infrastructure. The results of the program will make it possible to design, procure, build, retrofit and operate built structures that contribute to achieving the Government of Canada's goals of 40% lower carbon emissions by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050 in the built environment.

<https://nrc.canada.ca/en/research-development/research-collaboration/programs/low-carbon-built-environment-challenge-program>

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Research areas

Low Carbon Regulatory Solutions

The NRC will work with stakeholders to develop new low carbon requirements and implement them through standards, specifications, guidelines and publications such as the Canadian National Master Construction Specification (NMS) and the National Model Codes through activities such as:

- Supporting the development of new language for the 2025 and 2030 National Model Codes that will enable the regulation of operational GHG emissions and embodied GHG emissions, respectively
- Developing a low carbon guideline that considers life cycle GHG emissions in federally funded construction projects
- Updating the NMS to include low carbon solutions
- Supporting the development and implementation of a new suite of performance-based requirements in the National Model Codes
- Enabling the digitalization of the National Model Codes and the NMS

New research and technical solutions to reduce carbon will support these requirements, including life-cycle assessment, life-cycle performance of buildings and infrastructure, digitalization, construction practices and materials.

Low Carbon Built Environment Challenge Program

Through the Low Carbon Built Environment Challenge program, the NRC will harness its R&D capacity and networks as well as its strengths in innovation to address the need for knowledge and data to identify and develop low carbon materials products, services, tools and practices in Canada's construction sector. The program includes:

- Supporting industry-developed carbon accounting tools for materials, components, assemblies and whole assets
- Supporting industry-developed low carbon and zero carbon structural and non-structural construction materials, including products made from cement, concrete, wood and steel as well as facade materials
- Establishing a national life-cycle inventory datasets repository for construction materials
- Supporting industry to enhance low carbon operation and maintenance of buildings and infrastructure
- Improving decision support tools for optimized low carbon building and infrastructure design, procurement, operation and end-of-life management that are economical and socially responsible

A newly developed Centre of Excellence in Construction Life Cycle Assessment (CECLA) at the NRC's Construction Research Centre will help guide this research, development and demonstration (RD&D) support for low carbon innovation in the construction industry.

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Construction Sector Digitalization and Productivity Challenge Program

The Construction Sector Digitalization and Productivity Challenge program recognizes that digitalization can increase productivity in the construction sector and that performance-based design and building requirements help drive innovation. The program aims to apply these 2 underlying concepts to support the Government of Canada's Policy for Green Procurement and contribute to the emerging low-carbon economy. The program includes:

- Performing initial research to support the implementation of performance-based construction codes
- Developing a roadmap to help guide the digitalization of the construction sector
- Performing R&D to encourage greater environmental and productivity benefits from modular low-carbon solutions
- Performing R&D to support the development of digital portals for submitting electronic building plans and permits and to support virtual inspections

Complete departmental plan: [National Research Council Canada 2024-25 Departmental plan at a glance - National Research Council Canada](#)

2.0 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

Pathways that transition to Permanent Residence

Our immigration pathways support the transition of many temporary residents already in Canada to become permanent residents. In 2024–25, in partnership with provincial and territorial governments, the Department will continue to leverage existing and explore new pathways to encourage and allow temporary residents to become permanent residents and remain in Canada as a first step towards becoming Canadian citizens. A growing number of immigrants who are granted permanent residence are already in Canada as temporary residents and have found accommodations and entered the labour market or are contributing to the economy and society in other ways.

Federal and Regional Economic Immigration Pathway Innovations - Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP)

As per the December 2021 Mandate Letter for the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, IRCC will work with employers and communities across Canada to welcome a minimum of 2,000 skilled refugees and their families to fill labour shortages in high-demand sectors, such as health care, through the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP). EMPP helps skilled refugees immigrate to Canada through existing economic programs. Approved clients will have access to pre-arrival services, such as Canadian orientation, while abroad, and will be offered the full suite of services, post arrival, to help clients and their families settle and integrate.

IRCC is working closely with participating provinces and territories, communities and trusted NGOs to expand the pilot. This includes key partners from phase 1, as well as new NGOs entering the refugee labour

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mobility space. The Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot is continually improving by building upon lessons learned and early successes.

Out-of-Status Construction Workers pilot to recognize the economic contribution of up to 1,000 long-term resident construction workers, and their family members, and to address the vulnerability of this population to allow them to work in Canada with immigration status.

Complete departmental plan: [Departmental Plan 2024–25 - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/government/initiatives/2024-25)

3.0 Infrastructure Canada

The 2023 Fall Economic Statement reaffirmed the federal government’s intention to tie access to federal infrastructure funding to actions by provinces, territories, and municipalities to increase housing supply where it makes sense to do so. In recognition of this link, the Government has introduced legislation to establish the Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities (currently Infrastructure Canada). Going forward, the Department will ensure that this commitment to tie infrastructure investments to housing goals is reflected in the development and design of new infrastructure programs. Working together with CMHC, and leveraging their significant housing expertise, INFC will conduct qualitative and quantitative analyses and assessments to support collaboration with other orders of government, the development of policies and programs geared towards enhancing housing supply, as well as aligning broader housing policy objectives to the federal government's commitments on climate change and affordability.

Invest in infrastructure by delivering programs that: enable the construction and rehabilitation of core, resilient, public infrastructure that moves Canada toward a net-zero carbon, climate resilient future; strengthen local economies; drive long term economic growth; protect our communities most at-risk; support housing goals and enhance the quality of life of Canadians.

INFC is supporting communities in climate-proofing their infrastructure systems through programs such as the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program, the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), the Natural Infrastructure Fund, and the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).

Canadians need community spaces now more than ever to connect, engage, and support each other as we experience a rapidly changing climate. Community spaces need to be built in a way that aligns with Canada’s transition to net-zero emissions, combining different solutions to ensure they will withstand future hazards. By either investing in new building construction or improving the conditions of existing buildings, we can ensure that these energy-efficient, publicly accessible structures remain resilient and high-performing beacons of the community.

Infrastructure Canada will continue to protect our communities most at risk via engagement with DMAF-funded project proponents throughout their project lifecycle. These projects support the construction and rehabilitation of public infrastructure designed to reduce the impacts of climate change, disasters triggered by natural hazards and extreme weather events. The DMAF aims to strengthen the resiliency of Canadian communities through these investments by mitigating impacts on health and safety, protecting critical infrastructure, reducing disruptions to essential services, mitigating economic impacts and avoiding losses.

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Complete departmental plan: [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Infrastructure Canada's 2024-25 Departmental plan at a glance](#)

4.0 Treasury Board Secretariat

Leading the greening of government operations

TBS will continue to support departments in implementing the Greening Government Strategy in 3 key areas:

- coordinating emissions reductions
- increasing climate resilience
- greening government initiatives in federal operations

Coordinating emission reductions

TBS will continue to work with departments to ensure that all major building retrofits complete a life cycle cost analysis to determine the optimal greenhouse gas emission reductions. In addition, all new buildings must be net-zero carbon; if net-zero cannot be achieved, TBS requires departments to determine the maximum emissions reductions possible in the most economical way.

Through management of the [Greening Government Fund](#), TBS will continue to support departmental projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in operations. This fund aims to develop innovative approaches that can be reproduced within or across departments or to find solutions in areas or situations where reducing greenhouse gas emissions can be difficult.

Complete departmental plan: [Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat 2024–25 Departmental Plan - Canada.ca](#)

5.0 Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Purchase of Goods and Services

- Advance the simplification of procurement practices through the implementation of procurement modernization initiatives.
- Continue the development of new tools and guidance to support the adoption of green procurement across the federal government.

Property and Infrastructure

- Advance sustainability in government operations, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and greening government initiatives for PSPC real property and infrastructure assets.

Procurement Ombudsman

- Review the procurement practices of federal organizations to promote fairness, openness and transparency
- Provide alternative dispute resolution services which offer an opportunity for suppliers and federal organizations to come together in a neutral setting with the purpose of finding

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solutions, preserving business relationships and avoiding costly litigation.

- Share procurement-related information among federal organizations and Canadian suppliers to promote simplification and transparency in the federal procurement process.

Complete departmental plan: [Public Services and Procurement Canada 2024 to 2025 Departmental Plan - Canada.ca](#)

6.0 Defense Construction Canada (DCC)

DCC is ultimately accountable, through the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, to Parliament for the conduct of its affairs.

DCC's operating environment is largely shaped by the priorities and planning of its primary Client-Partner, the Department of National Defence (DND), and by the size and focus of DND's Infrastructure and environment (IE) program.

The Corporation anticipates that contract expenditures will remain at \$1.1 billion in 2023–24, then begin to increase slightly to about \$1.5 billion by 2025–26, then begin to normalize to \$1.3 billion at the end of the planning period in 2027–28 mainly due to the Canadian Surface Combatant Project, the Future Fighter Capability Project and other Defence Capability Infrastructure (DCI) programs and projects. The Corporation also manages two public-private partnership contracts for the Communications Security Establishment and Shared Services Canada.

BUSINESS STRATEGY

Each fall, DCC holds a strategic planning session that includes a strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis. This operating environmental analysis is considered together with the Corporate Risk Register, to ensure that all risks are addressed. The Board of Directors, the Senior Management Group, Client-Partners and industry representatives provide input to the review, based on consultations with their stakeholders.

DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS, 2023–2024 TO 2027–2028

CANADIAN SURFACE COMBATANT, LAND-BASED TEST FACILITY (LBTF)

LOCATION: Hartlen Point, CFB Halifax

PROGRAM COST: \$64 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2025

The Land-Based Test Facility (LBTF) will mimic specific combat and platform components of an operational ship for test and evaluation activities. The LBTF is a new capability that DCC is developing for the CAF. The Royal Canadian Navy and contractors on the Atlantic coast are expected to occupy the 11,000-square-metre facility. It is intended to accommodate approximately 150 full-time staff members. The goal is to achieve a LEED Silver certification and net-zero carbon emissions, to support

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the government's greening strategy. DCC has awarded the initial \$485,000 modified design-build contract, which includes costs for the development phase.

QUINTE WEST TRAINING CENTRE (QWTC)

LOCATION: 8 Wing Trenton, Ontario

PROJECT COST: \$204 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2026

This modified design-build project will provide the necessary infrastructure for full operational capability at 8 Wing Trenton. DCC is contracting for and managing the site development and construction of the 30,000-square-metre facility. The new centre will consist of office areas, planning areas, technical workshops, vehicle maintenance areas, meeting rooms, a wash bay, training facilities and warehousing.

NEW QUICK REACTION AREA (QRA)

LOCATION: CFB Bagotville, Quebec

PROJECT COST: \$80 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2026

The New QRA project will include an aircraft shelter, mission-planning facilities, housing and security. The new facility will help 3 Wing Bagotville continue to meet its air defence contingency commitments, in accordance with Defence Command directives.

C31 GENET BUILDING

LOCATION: CFB Kingston

PROJECT COST: \$5.5 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2025–26

The VC31 Genet Building has been chosen as the test building for an innovative green heating solution to reduce DND/CAF's greenhouse gas emissions. Using the Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program, DCC is managing the project and the design-build team to design, install, operate and test an integrated, low-cost, low-carbon energy generation and transfer system. The project is currently in the design phase, with implementation planned to start in 2023.

AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY CAPABILITY (AFEC) PROGRAM

LOCATION: CFB Bagotville, Quebec

PROJECT COST: \$110 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2027

The AFEC Main Facility Project involves construction of a facility to accommodate the administrative and operational requirements of 2 Wing
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Bagotville, the Royal Canadian Air Force’s dedicated, high readiness, air expeditionary support unit.

REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (RPAS) INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCATION: 14 Wing Greenwood, Nova Scotia

PROJECT COST: \$100 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2028

The Remotely Piloted Aircraft System is a new capability being developed by the CAF and the Air Maintenance Detachment East, and 14 Wing Greenwood will be its primary operating base. Tendered in 2022, this modified design-build contract provides for the construction of a new 9,939-square-metre hangar and 16,000-square-metre exterior apron and parking. Designed to LEED Silver standards, the maintenance facility will house eight remotely piloted aircraft and will include workshops, offices, administrative spaces, meeting rooms, classrooms, maintenance bay facilities, specialty aircraft maintenance labs, shops, and spaces for communications, IT and storage.

FUTURE FIGHTER CAPABILITY PROJECT

LOCATIONS: 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta,

and 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec

INITIAL PROJECT COST: \$270 million

COMPLETION DATE: 2030

New fighter squadron facilities will be constructed at 3 Wing Bagotville and 4 Wing Cold Lake to accommodate Canada’s next-generation fighter aircraft. DCC will use a phased design-build delivery approach to ensure infrastructure is ready for the first aircraft and will be ready to respond to additional requirements once the Future Fighter aircraft is selected.

EDWARD DRAKE BUILDING

LOCATION: Ottawa, Ontario

PROJECT COST: \$4.1 billion

COMPLETION DATE: 2040 (contract)

Built as a P3 project, the \$4.1-billion Edward Drake Building is a modern and efficient facility for the Communications Security Establishment, spanning over 72,000 square metres. The associated design-build-finance-maintain contract includes unique security, infrastructure and financing arrangements. DCC is involved with the operations and maintenance of the facility as part of the 30-year contract

SHARED SERVICES DATA CENTRE

LOCATION: CFB Borden, Ontario

COMPLETION DATE: 2042 (contract)

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The expansion of Shared Services Canada’s enterprise data centre will help to modernize and standardize federal IT infrastructure. DCC’s second P3 procurement, this \$332-million contract was announced in May 2016. As part of a consortium, DCC committed to supporting the design, building, financing, operations and maintenance of the data centre for 25 years. With construction complete, the data centre achieved LEED Silver certification in 2019, and the contract is currently in the maintenance phase.

Complete departmental plan: [Corporate plan summary 2023-2024 to 2027-2028 \(dcc-cdc.gc.ca\)](https://www.dcc-cdc.gc.ca)

7.0 Natural Resources Canada

Enabling federal programs, policies, and regulations in Canada

[Canada’s Carbon Management Strategy](#)

Administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED).

- Budget 2021 allocated an additional \$5 billion, for a total of \$8 billion over 7 years to support the decarbonization of large industrial emitters, industrial transformation, and the adoption of clean technologies.
- Budget 2023 proposes to provide \$500 million over ten years to the SIF to support the development and application of clean technologies in Canada. The SIF will also direct up to \$1.5 billion of its existing resources towards projects in sectors including clean technologies, critical minerals, and industrial transformation. Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) Net Zero Accelerator (NZA)

Green Procurement Buy Clean Initiative [implementation starting in 2023]

- Green procurement and adopting clean technologies, products, and services such as low-carbon building materials.
- Federal government projects will require disclosure of embodied carbon in concrete with 10% reduction in 2023, and in 2025, 30% reduction in embodied carbon in major construction projects.

Clean Electricity ITC; Clean Technology ITC; Clean Hydrogen ITC; Clean Manufacturing ITC

- Clean Manufacturing ITC: Budget 2023 proposes a refundable tax credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of investments in new machinery and equipment used to manufacture or process key clean technologies, and extract, process, or recycle key critical minerals.
- Clean Technology ITC: The 2022 Fall Economic Statement announced the details of the Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit, which will provide support to Canadian businesses in adopting clean technology at a 30 percent refundable rate. In Budget 2023, the federal government is expanding the eligibility for the Clean Technology Investment Tax Credit to further support the growth of Canada’s burgeoning clean technology sector.

Complete departmental plan: [Natural Resources Canada’s 2024-25 Departmental Plans at a glance](#)

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8.0 Employment and Social Development Canada

Key priorities

- Supporting the recruitment, retention, and success of women apprentices in 39 eligible Red Seal trades through our Women in the Skilled Trades Initiative,
- Assisting Canadian employers facing labour shortages through the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, allowing temporary hiring when Canadians and permanent residents are not available.
- We will also launch a new sustainable jobs training funding stream under the Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy's Union Training and Innovation program. This stream will fund projects to help unions and their partners provide green skills training for trades workers.

Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy

The Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy is a funding program that supports skilled trades workers and employers through measures that:

- promote the skilled trades as a good career option
- help you explore, prepare for, participate, and succeed in apprenticeship
- help employers and unions participate in apprenticeship
- encourage new tools and approaches to better prepare pre-apprentices, apprentices, and journeypersons for the jobs of tomorrow

The program, many are closed currently, provides funding to help apprentices, employers, unions, and other organizations participate in apprenticeship. Examples include:

- funding for Equipment purchases
- funding for Innovation in apprenticeship
- funding for green training (open)
- funding for career exploration activities, skills training and work placements
- funding for organizations to support small and medium-sized employers of Red Seal apprentices
- taxable cash grants for Red Seal apprentices
- funding for organizations to support women apprentices

We will invest in skills training and employment supports for Canadians with approximately \$3 billion provided annually to provinces and territories through the bilateral Labour Market Development Agreements and the Workforce Development Agreements. This support helps Canadians by providing them with Employment Insurance funded skills training and employment assistance, so they can gain the skills that employers need.

We will continue providing support to employers facing critical labour shortages through measures under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. Moreover, through the development of a new foreign labour program for agriculture and fish processing, we will help employers fill short-term labour gaps and meet their business needs more quickly.

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Complete departmental plan: [Employment and Social Development Canada's 2024 to 2025 Departmental plan at a glance - Canada.ca](#)

9.0 Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Key priorities

- As one of Canada's seven Regional Development Agencies, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) works with Northerners and Indigenous peoples, communities, businesses, organizations, other federal departments and other orders of government to help build diversified and dynamic economies that foster long-term sustainability economic prosperity across the territories.
- In 2024-25, CanNor will continue to promote long-term job creation and build resilient economies in the territories. In support of these priorities, the Agency will:
 - Drive economic development by strengthening business and community development through the delivery of a suite of funding programs that foster growth and innovation.
 - Help Northerners meet their housing needs by supporting efforts to enhance the territorial construction ecosystem.
 - Encourage economic development outside the territorial capitals by building on ongoing outreach activities with rural communities in the territories.
 - Advance consultation tools to ensure the federal duty to consult processes are completed in a collaborative, effective and efficient manner in support of critical mineral and resource development in the North.
 - Engage with territorial tourism entities to support impactful regional projects that will encourage sector growth through initiatives which build on ongoing success in international tourism markets.

Complete departmental plan: [Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency: 2024-2025 Departmental Plan at a glance \(cannor.gc.ca\)](#)

10. Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario

Departmental Result: Communities are economically diversified in Northern Ontario

- In an effort to remain viable and ensure their long-term economic well-being, these industries and the communities who have relied upon them across the region are exploring ways to build on their existing economic drivers and strengths to identify and capitalize on new economic development opportunities to diversify their respective economies. Strategic areas for growth include mining activities that will contribute to electric batteries, biomass, and opportunities for carbon capture, as well as the supply chains for clean growth projects in support of net zero emissions by 2050.
- FedNor works with community and industry stakeholders to support business attraction, retention and growth; identify and exploit new economic development opportunities; and support strategic planning initiatives to build strong and sustainable communities across Northern Ontario. In 2024–

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25, FedNor will support activities that assist in building the community and regional foundations necessary for sustainable wealth creation across various priority sectors, including but not limited to, the mining and forest industries, tourism, agri-food, renewable energy and manufacturing.

- Through the community economic development stream of its flagship Northern Ontario Development Program, the department will provide strategic investments in projects led by municipalities, First Nations and other Indigenous partners, and other organizations and institutions to help them attract investment and foster business growth, and nurture and retain their existing businesses, in addition to supporting efforts to diversify the regional economy.
- To respond to regional labour market challenges, FedNor will fund projects and initiatives that prioritize the recruitment of a much-needed skilled workforce. This includes continuing to champion youth retention and attraction in Northern Ontario through its Youth Internship Initiative and supporting the activities of the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot which seeks to attract, integrate and retain newcomers to region. These activities build on the outcomes of the April 2023 Northern Ontario roundtable discussion on Canada's immigration future that FedNor helped Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to organize. During these discussions, participants underlined the critical importance of filling labour market gaps and the benefits of this pilot.
- In the upcoming year, the department will engage with Natural Resources Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, the province and First Nation communities to support the implementation of the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy and the ongoing development of the Ring of Fire region with First Nations and the province. The strategy is designed to support the Government's objective of net zero emissions by 2050 by increasing the production of key materials and the growth of related domestic supply chains.

Departmental Result: Businesses are innovative and growing in Northern Ontario

- Small businesses are the backbone of the economy in Northern Ontario communities, driving growth, innovation and prosperity across the region. They bring vitality to the communities Northerners call home, creating jobs while harnessing the region's strengths and resources.
- In 2024–25, FedNor will continue to empower businesses in their journey towards success. Through the delivery of the business scale-up and productivity stream of the Regional

Economic Growth through Innovation Program, FedNor will work with businesses, at various stages of development, to increase their productivity, compete on the world stage, and reach new markets.

- FedNor will also focus on providing assistance to businesses in Northern Ontario to help them develop and adopt clean technology solutions. For example, FedNor will continue to work with Northern Ontario companies like Heliene Inc., a solar panel manufacturer in Sault Ste. Marie, who received financial support for hardware and software development that led to increased efficiency of power generation and remote monitoring for utility companies.

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- Additionally, the department will help support businesses in critical sectors to meet growing global demand. This includes providing assistance to Northern Ontario manufacturers, helping them boost their productivity, grow sales, and increase their exports.

Complete departmental plan: [Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario 2024–25 Departmental Plan At a Glance \(canada.ca\)](#)

11. Federal Economic Agency for Southern Ontario

Key priorities

FedDev Ontario continues to advance its mandate to strengthen southern Ontario’s capacity for innovation and clean and inclusive economic growth. For 2024-25, its key priorities are:

- Make strategic investments that advance government priorities and southern Ontario’s economic interests.
- Collaborate with partners and stakeholders to support emerging growth opportunities and industrial transition, specifically as related to zero emissions vehicles, clean growth, advanced manufacturing and other burgeoning sectors.
- Implement targeted strategies and initiatives that leverage key relationships to broaden access to Agency programs and services to advance activities that support greater diversity and inclusion in economic growth.
- Promote sustainable regional economic growth and resiliency across all southern Ontario communities, including implementing place-based solutions like the Tourism Growth Program (TGP).

Complete departmental plan: [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario's 2024-2025 Departmental plan at a glance \(canada.ca\)](#)

12. Prairies Economic Development (PrairiesCan)

Key priorities

- Building a Green Prairie Economy – PrairiesCan with nine other federal departments will implement five important areas outlined in the Framework to Build a Green Prairie Economy. These five areas, as identified in consultations with stakeholders, are:
 - Growing key regional sectors, including natural resources, agriculture, and manufacturing.
 - Effective movement of goods, people, and information.
 - Expanding and capitalizing on clean electricity.
 - Community economic development.
 - Indigenous economic reconciliation and inclusive growth.

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The Building a Green Prairie Economy Act

The Building a Green Prairie Economy Act was introduced as a Private Member's Bill by the late Honourable Jim Carr and became law in December 2022. The Act requires the federal government to develop a framework for cooperation and engagement in the implementation of federal programs across various sectors to build a greener regional economy on the Prairies.

Led by the Minister for Prairies Economic Development Canada, the Ministers of the following federal departments will work together to advance a green economy in the Prairie provinces:

- Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Environment and Climate Change
- Finance
- Innovation, Science and Economic Development
- Natural Resources
- Transport

Next Steps

Growing key regional sectors, including natural resources, agriculture and manufacturing

- Advancing clean technologies, value-added agriculture and sustainable energy, among other sectors.

Effective movement of goods, people and information

- Supporting economic corridors, low-emission transportation and the expansion of broadband access.

Expanding and capitalizing on clean electricity

- Exploring opportunities in electricity generation, infrastructure, and energy efficiency.

Community economic development

- Strengthening skills and talent development for workers and businesses, regional economic planning and investment attraction, among other initiatives, to create the sustainable jobs of the future.

Economic reconciliation and inclusive growth

- Meaningfully engaging on regional economic opportunities through responsive programming, capacity building and access to capital.

Complete departmental plan: [Prairies Economic Development Canada's 2024–2025 Departmental Plan at a glance - Canada.ca](#)

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