



Erie Renewable Energy — Affordable electricity and community development through investment, innovation, social and environmental responsibility.

Commitment to Social and Community Responsibility

The founders of ERE are concerned about Erie. We want to see an economic revival in the region and believe that one of the best ways to accomplish this is through responsible, sustainable power production. ERE's use of Tire Derived Fuel (TDF) to produce energy will demonstrate our commitment to the community through many significant social and economic benefits.

We aim to:

- Boost the Erie region's economy
- Create family sustaining jobs
- Increase Erie City's industrial tax base
- Lower electric prices for regional consumers
- Provide a sustainable and viable service; and
- Make Erie a state leader in clean energy production

— All through producing environmentally-responsibly power.

Acting Locally

ERE will use local labor and suppliers, wherever feasible, creating permanent, top-quality jobs for area residents — not only at the plant, but throughout the local economy.

More than 200 local and regional business people participated in our

business symposium in February. These businesses were interested in supplying our facility with raw materials, equipment and industrial supplies.

Creating New Jobs

An estimated 500 direct and indirect jobs will be created as a result of the ERE power plant, including:

- 60 permanent on-site jobs with an average salary of more than \$50,000
- 250 construction jobs
- 150-200 spin-off jobs in the Northwest Pennsylvania region

These are quality jobs — engineers, plumbers and pipefitters, electrical workers, boilermakers, equipment operators, ironworkers, carpenters, insulators, teamsters, painters, masons, technicians, labor, service, security, administration and transportation. The offsite jobs will include logistics, materials and aggregates, recycling, metal industries, rail, trucking, supply, engineering, planning, manufacturing, hardware, parts suppliers, bankers, contractors, and equipment suppliers.

Building a Strong Work Force

The renewable energy industry is labor-driven, creating more jobs per dollar than conventional energy technologies. But the number of skilled workers prepared for these jobs, especially among minorities, is much

lower than the number of job opportunities expected from this project.

ERE is committed to be as inclusive as possible, and to help the community through this project. We have recently signed agreements with Great Lakes Building and Construction Trades Council, the Booker T. Washington Center of Erie and the Erie Indian Moundbuilders Tribal Nation to lead a diversity recruitment and training program. This program will prepare Erie's urban and minority citizens for jobs in the construction and renewable energy industries. The program is expected to cost approximately \$1.5 million and produce 75-100 trained workers.

These jobs will pay benefits far beyond construction of the ERE power plant, creating a skilled workforce for Erie County's future — in the trades and in renewable energy. The training will include literacy education required in the technically demanding energy industry.

Ripple Effects Support the Community

The permanent on-site jobs alone will generate more than \$3 million per year of taxable wages to Erie's economy, and the additional spin-off jobs should add more than \$8 million to the local economy.

This creates a ripple effect through-

out the Erie economy and community. The money spent on purchases by the plant, its subcontractors, and the workers employed as a result generates additional economic impact supporting more jobs from retail sales to child care.

Keeping Taxes Down

ERE will pay sales and employment taxes of all types, and will also enter into agreements with the local taxing bodies to make payments in lieu of taxes, even during construction. When the KOZ abatements end, the plant will be taxed at its full assessed value, supporting local governments and school districts even more.

No taxpayer money will be used by ERE to purchase the property, so all of the economic benefits from the plant are a win-win for Erie residents.

Saving You Money

ERE will be able to sell electricity long-term at beneficial prices, which should help improve the outlook for power costs in the region. This will provide Erie with increased energy security and less vulnerability to pricing pressures and market manipulation — everyone in Erie County benefits when the plant keeps energy prices more stable — and costs for operations of all businesses will be reduced.

This ad is the second in a series sponsored by ERE to better inform the local community about the proposed power plant.

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