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To: All Regulated Entities

All Interested Stakeholders

Re: OEB Innovation Sandbox Challenge: Empowering Indigenous Innovation

and Leadership – Invitation to Attend Webinar (EB-2025-0174)

What You Need to Know

- The OEB is launching its second Sandbox Challenge, focused on empowering Indigenous innovation and leadership in the energy sector.
- Selected projects will receive up to \$1.275 million in funding and regulatory guidance to support Indigenous-led energy solutions and capacity building.
- In advance of applications being accepted in September, the OEB will hold a webinar which recipients of this letter are invited to attend.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a webinar later this month to provide more information about its Innovation Sandbox Challenge: Empowering Indigenous Innovation and Leadership.

The Challenge is intended to empower Indigenous innovation and support Indigenous leadership in the energy transition by identifying challenges, exploring emerging opportunities, enhancing energy services and building capacity. Up to \$1.275 million in funding supported by the Government of Canada, along with regulatory guidance, will be provided to projects selected through the OEB Innovation Sandbox.

The OEB will hold a webinar on **Thursday**, **August 28**, **2025**, **from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, where further information on the Innovation Sandbox, the Challenge and related documents will be discussed. Please email innovation@oeb.ca to confirm your attendance and a meeting link will be sent.

Documents related to the Challenge, including information on eligibility criteria, the application process and timelines, will be distributed and posted on the Challenge's

Engage with Us webpage before the webinar.

Project proposals will be accepted from September 2, 2025, to October 17, 2025. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a potential project, please email innovation@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

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