

Alternative Energy in Southeast Alberta

"The EDA has been a welcome ally in helping to promote our business in Cypress County and its support has been a major asset in our goal to develop substantial wind projects in the region."

Lucas Reindler
Project Developer
NaturEner Canada

Established

There are numerous successful Alternative Energy businesses in our region including NaturEner Canada Wind Energy whose plans include Wild Rose Projects 1 & 2 southeast of Medicine Hat and the East Palliser Transmission Line in Cypress County.

- Sunniest location in Canada with approximately 2,500 hours of sunshine each year.
- Centrally located within the province and to the U.S. border with full access to air, highway and rail transportation.
- Wind Technician course offered in southern Alberta.
- Excellent trades program at Medicine Hat College, which is always open to the development of new programs.

Opportunity

Alternative Energy is in the growth stages in Southeast Alberta. Here are a few opportunities for businesses and investors:

- Geo-Thermal: large land surfaces available for drilling.
- Solar: large open spaces for solar farms with economical land costs; incentives in Medicine Hat for solar thermal and solar electric.
- Wind: strong winds and vast rural lands for turbine placement; incentives in Medicine Hat for small wind projects for commercial buildings. The largest wind farms in Canada are proposed for this region.
- Commercial incentives in some locations for implementation like Medicine Hat's Commercial Renewable Energy and Conservation Incentive program.
- 43% of the population is between the ages of 25 and 54.

Value Driven

Today's businesses and investors are also looking to value-driven communities and cost-effective environments.

- Southeast Alberta offers some of the lowest costs of doing business in Alberta and the world.
- Land and buildings within the region cost less compared with other Alberta locations.
- Hard working, honest, dedicated, intelligent, professional, friendly and proud workforce.
- More than 40% of the population have post-secondary education.
- Stable and cost-effective utility rates.

Alberta offers

- competitive corporate taxes
- no provincial sales, general capital or payroll taxes
- no machinery and equipment tax
- research and development tax credits
- lowest tax rate in Canada
- lowest unemployment rates in the country

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