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## **Installation of biomass heating systems to create renewable energy opportunities**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon issued two requests for qualifications today for the design, construction and operation of biomass heating systems for schools in Haines Junction and Watson Lake.

"The Yukon government is pleased to be moving forward on our commitment to use locally-sourced biomass energy in government infrastructure," Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Scott Kent said. "We believe that the path to energy security and self-reliance is to address our energy needs through the responsible development of our natural resources."

The requests for qualifications will identify parties interested in constructing and operating a biomass energy plant at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction and Johnson Elementary School in Watson Lake. A third request for qualifications for a biomass energy plant at the Teslin Community School will be issued separately.

"This project presents a great opportunity to use local, efficient biomass energy solutions that meet Yukon's air emissions regulations and ambient air quality standards," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "We look forward to the installation of these heating systems in these Yukon schools."

In February, the Yukon government adopted its Yukon Biomass Energy Strategy which guides the development of a biomass energy sector in the territory.

"By seeking out qualified interested parties from the private sector, the Yukon government aims to support and stimulate the sustainable economic development of our local heating and biomass industries, while increasing our knowledge about the use of renewable energy sources in the North," Kent added.

This initiative is part of the Government of Yukon's broader efforts to increase renewable energy and achieve energy self-reliance as per the *Energy Strategy for Yukon* and the *Climate Change Action Plan*.

Learn more:  
Yukon Biomass Energy Strategy and Tender Management System.

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