



LASKIN SOLAR PROJECT

LOCALLY GENERATED | RENEWABLE ENERGY

Minnesota Power's Laskin Solar Project is on about 25 acres of company-owned land on Colby Lake Road near Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota. The project is adjacent to Minnesota Power's Laskin Energy Center that was converted from coal to natural gas in 2015.

5.6 megawatt array will produce about 9,300 megawatt-hours of energy annually, enough to power about 1,100 homes.

The bifacial panels catch light reflected off the ground and snow.

Single-axis tracker rotates panels to track the sun from east to west each day.

14,820 solar panels sourced from Heliene, which has a manufacturing facility in Mountain Iron, Minnesota.

About 31 jobs at peak of construction. Built by local contractors and union labor.



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A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LOCAL ENERGY

The **Laskin Solar Project** is one of Minnesota Power’s three accelerated solar investments approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in 2021 to boost the region’s economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The other two projects are the Jean Duluth Solar Project, a 1.6-megawatt array in Duluth, and the Sylvan Solar Project, a 15.2-megawatt array in Sylvan Township near Brainerd.

The **three projects** illustrate Minnesota Power’s commitment to jobs as well as to local and diverse suppliers and contractors. In addition, the investment in solar advances Minnesota Power’s *EnergyForward* strategy and its vision for delivering carbon-free energy.

COMMITMENT TO JOBS, LOCAL SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS, AND DIVERSE SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS

COLLECTIVELY, FOR ALL THREE PROJECTS:

Jobs at peak of construction in 2022 totaled about 78.

Contracts with local suppliers and contractors totaled \$22 million.

Contracts with women-owned businesses totaled nearly \$80,000; contracts with veteran-owned businesses totaled nearly \$9,000; and contracts with companies that employ people with disabilities totaled more than \$75,000.

