Minnesota Power’s Sylvan Solar Project is on about 80 acres of Minnesota Power-owned land in Sylvan Township near Brainerd, Minnesota.

15.2 megawatt array will produce about 29,000 megawatt-hours of energy annually, enough to power about 3,400 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.

42,120 solar panels sourced from Heliene, which has a manufacturing facility in Mountain Iron, Minnesota.

About 75 jobs at peak of construction. Built by local contractors and union labor.

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The Sylvan 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 Laskin Solar Project, a 5.6-megawatt array near Hoyt Lakes, and the Jean Duluth Solar Project, a 1.6 megawatt array in Duluth.

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 $36 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.

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