

Thank you for coming to the Chatham Battery Energy Storage System Project Open House.

Have more questions or looking for additional information?

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## About Boralex

Canadian-based company

Major player in renewable energy in North America and Europe

More than 30 years of experience, including 10 years in Ontario

2,476 MW of installed capacity

We develop, build and operate wind, solar, storage and hydro production sites

## **Community Involvement**

### We develop strong relationships

Our long-term perspective helps us to develop long-term and strong relationships with the host communities with the goal of becoming good neighbors for decades.

### We support local economy

In addition to the jobs created during the development, construction and operation of our plants, we try to source goods and services from local suppliers throughout the life of our projects.

### We care for the environment

Environmental issues are a high priority in all decisions we make, and we employ best practices with regard to biodiversity protection, habitat conservation, waste management and air emission reduction.

### We listen to the communities

During the project lifecycle, we maintain a presence in the community and ensure there is an engagement and follow-up process to hear and respond to comments and suggestion expressed by the community.

### We give back to our hosts

Social involvement is of great importance to Boralex. Every year, we support local nonprofit organizations and charitable events to contribute further to the vitality of our host communities.





## Context

## Long-Term RFP and Expedited Process

- Ontario is entering a period of emerging system needs that will require new electricity resources this decade.
- The IESO is competitively securing up to 1,500 MW through an expedited procurement process, of which 900 MW are targeted to be procured from storage and newbuild electricity resources able to commit to commercial operation in 2025.
- Up to 2,500 MW of capacity will also be sought through the first Long-Term Request for Proposals (LT1 RFP), focusing on meeting emerging system reliability needs.
- The LT1 RFP will acquire capacity services from new-build electricity resources with a commercial operation date of 2027, with the option of longer terms for those able to reach commercial operation earlier.

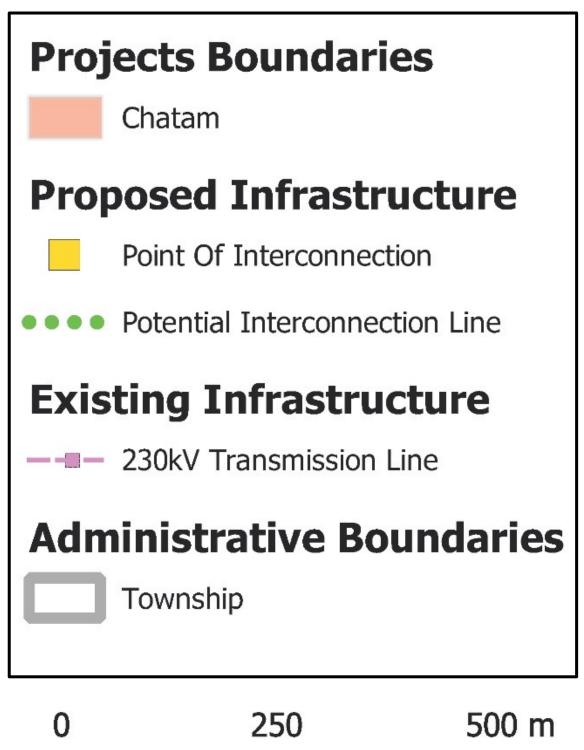
Processes Milestones		
	Expedited Process	LT1 RFP
Qualified Applicants Announced	August 23, 2022	August 23, 2022
Final RFP Posted	November 1, 2022	January 30, 2023
Proposal Submission	December 20, 2022	July 2023
Contract Award	February 28, 2023	October 2023







- Located in Chatham-Kent
- Adjacent to Hydro One existing
   Chatham Switching Station
- Capacity targeting 300–600MW capacity for 4 hours
- Approx. 30 acres study area





# Storage Technology Introduction How does it work?

### **POWER INVERTER**

A power inverter is a power electronic device that changes direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC).

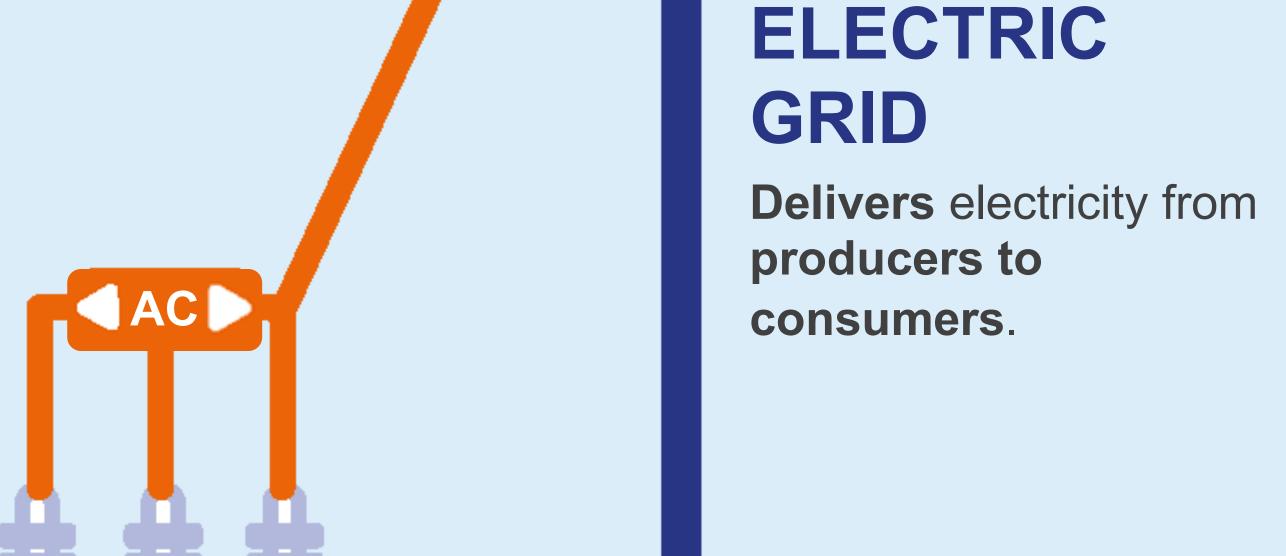


## TRANSFORMER

Transforms current from one voltage to another

### SUBSTATION

Increases the voltage to the level required in order to be able to connect projects to the grid.





## Permitting Process





## **Environmental Assessment & Permitting**

Class Environmental Assessment
(EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities
to be obtained from Hydro One

Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for noise to be obtained from the Ministry of Environment,

Conservation and Parks

Municipal building permits

Other permits and approvals as determined by baseline condition characterization



### Construction

Implement standard construction mitigation practices (e.g., dust management controls, compliance with municipal noise by-laws)

## Elements that will be carefully considered

Air Quality
Sound
Environment & Wildlife
Local Traffic
Safety
Fire Management



### Operation

Continued compliance with ECA requirements

Elements that will be carefully considered

Sound
Environment
Safety
Fire Management



## Sound Assessment & Mitigation

## Mitigation Measures

## Development

- Sound impact assessment is underway by independent experts
- The results of the assessment will be presented in due course

### Construction

- Will take place during business hours
- Will comply with the municipal by-law

## Operation

 Soundproof walls and other mitigation measure will be implemented to ensure compliance with the standards set by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Noise Guideline - Stationary and Transportation Approval and Planning

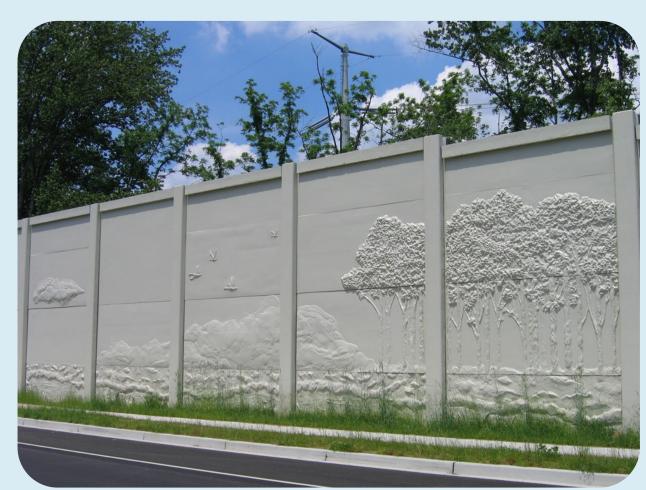
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## **Examples of sound barrier**

















## What a BESS Project Looks Like

















## Anticipated Benefits



Jobs

Project construction would provide approximately **200 jobs**. About **2-3 full time equivalent employees** would be needed for operation, likely hired from the **host communities**.



Local Procurement

During construction, in addition to payroll, Boralex estimates **materials and services** would be procured locally (e.g. aggregates, civil works, machinery). Boralex would also pursue donations and sponsorship opportunities in consultation with host towns and local stakeholders.



Ratepayers

Could provide **significant benefits to Ontario's ratepayers** by reducing the need and cost associated with using gas-fired power plants during times of peak demand.



Environment

Would have a positive impact on the **environment and fight against climate change** by ensuring **the reliability and stability of the grid** and fostering the **penetration of renewable energies**. It would also **reduce harmful emissions** as it lightens the load of traditional energy generation systems that rely on fossil fuels, such as gas-fired power plants.



## **Supporting the Local Community**

Boralex is dedicated to being a good neighbor and an integrated part of the community.

Every year we support local nonprofit organizations, charities, and events that contribute to the vitality of the area.

We believe a successful project benefits the entire host community.



In 2021, Boralex contributed nearly \$750,000

to host communities through our donations and sponsorships programs.

## Where are we?

## **Activity Status**

### **Project Initiation**

Determine Project Location



Preliminary design

Underway

Issue Project Notification



## **Baseline Condition Characterization**

Cultural heritage



Stage 1-2 Archaeological

Assessment

Natural Heritage Assessment

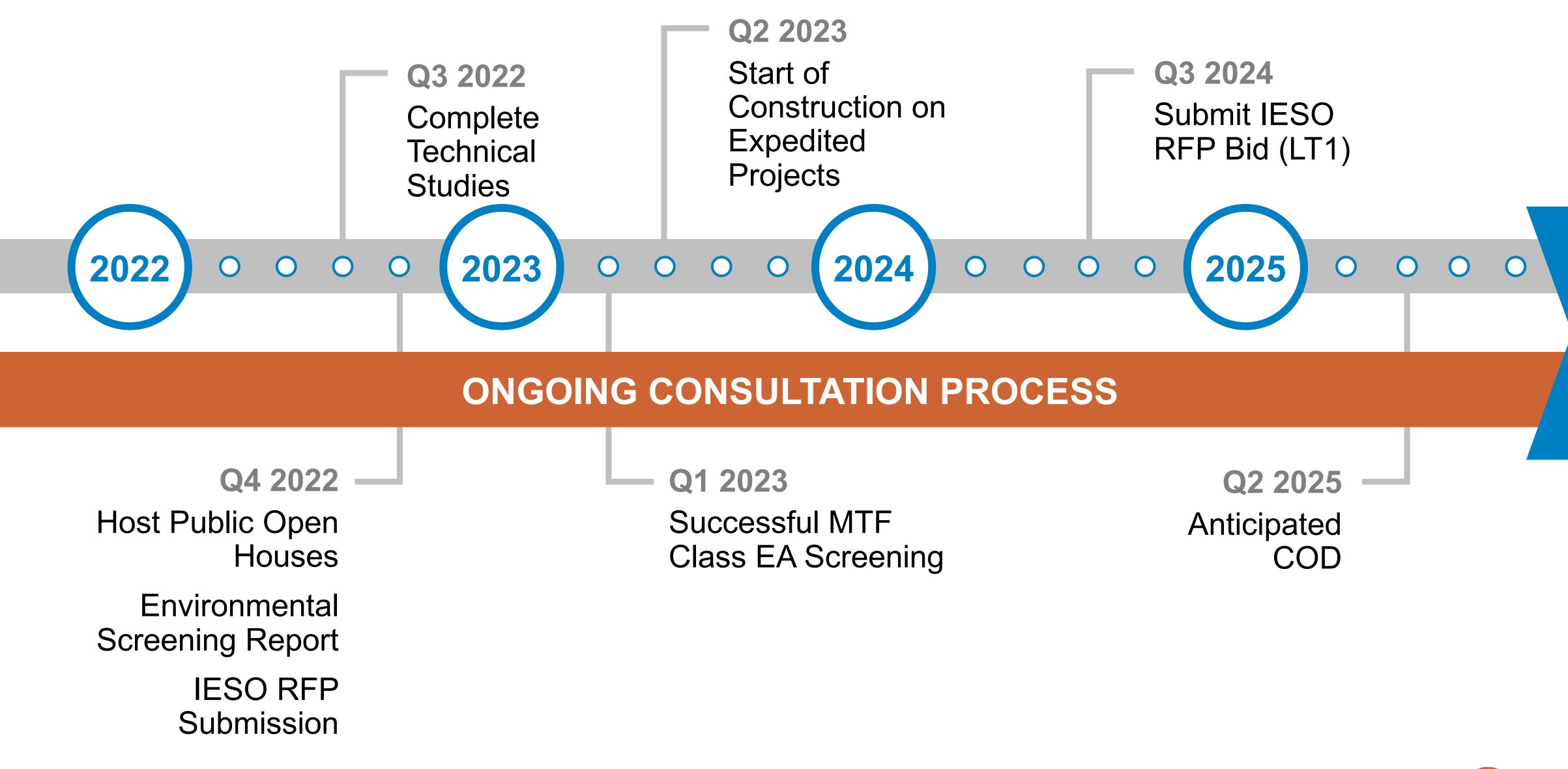
Sound Impact Assessment

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## **Anticipated Timeline**







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