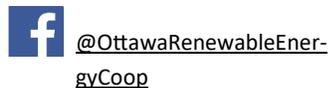




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Please give us a brief description of your business.

The Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative (OREC) facilitates community ownership over local renewable power production. OREC provides an alternative for those without the time, money, or space to invest in their own solar power system, and generates a fair return for investors.

How is your business changing the world?

We bring individuals together to collectively build renewable energy projects that mitigate significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Together, as a co-operative, we are transforming how businesses operate by being democratic and transparent.

Tell us some interesting facts about you or your company.

- We manages \$7 million in solar power projects
- We operate 14 solar power projects (17 by the end of 2017)
- We power the equivalent of 320 homes in Ontario around the clock

What about environmental sustainability inspires you?

The thoughtful and well-meaning people we meet daily, our engaged members, and our faithful investors.

What's your favourite emerging trend related to green energy/sustainability that will change our lives?

The electrification of the most widely used items such as cars and heating.

What's one green technology invention you wish you'd thought of?

That's an easy one... the Photovoltaic (PV) cell!

What does your company aim to accomplish in the next five years?

The co-operative aims to build net metered and virtual net metered solar power project as well as finance local energy retrofit projects with residential buildings.

How has SMARTNet Alliance helped your business so far?

SMARTNet Alliance has provided us with countless networking opportunities to meet like-minded individuals from which strong partnerships have emerged. New members and investors have joined our organization thanks to SMARTNet Alliance promoting our events.