

## econext Clean Energy Infrastructure Optimization Challenge 2025

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **1. Have you done this type of Challenge before? Are there examples of past winners?**

Foresight has completed 70 Innovation Challenges with multiple Industry partners. To see past winners, please visit the [Foresight Challenges Case Study webpage](#).

#### **2. Would AI to detect where maintenance and repair needs to be done be too out of scope?**

AI-based solutions can be submitted as long as the company and technology meet all eligibility and evaluation criteria. We encourage innovative approaches, including AI, as long as they align with the program requirements.

#### **3. Do proposals include NDAs upon submission?**

No, NDAs are not required to submit your application. The application does not request any confidential information. Additionally, all evaluators have signed a confidentiality agreement to protect submitted materials.

#### **4. Are pilot project references required for the application?**

If you have completed a pilot project, please include as much detail as possible on the status of the pilot project and/or outcomes.

#### **5. Do solutions need to be specifically applicable to Newfoundland and Labrador?**

Yes, all solutions must be relevant to Newfoundland and Labrador's energy infrastructure and take into account the potential of remote locations. For more details, visit the [econext website](#).

#### **6. Are there any plans for future funding programs to support advancement of promising technologies identified through this Challenge to full Technology Readiness?**

There is no confirmed funding other than the \$50K prize, which is to be used towards continuous development of the winning technology. Be sure to keep in touch on any other Challenge programs that launch in the future.

*If you have any other questions regarding the econext Clean Energy Infrastructure Optimization Challenge, please send them to [challenges@foresightcac.com](mailto:challenges@foresightcac.com).*