



Title: GERT Sovereign Solar

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GERT INNOV8tec Board

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Project Location(s):

Siren / Burnett County / WI / 54872

Short Description:

We are a volunteer board of professionals dedicated to innovative technology training and development, multi-State collaboration and research initiatives, sustainability, and the regeneration of opportunities to rural communities that need it most. We have been working for several years on a project to reinvigorate an abandoned site, and plan to use the site for workforce development training, small business development, and solar energy generation. We are currently conducting hands-on training opportunities for immediate needs in the construction, electrical, and equipment fields. Phase 1 will consist of the installation of a solar farm with native plantings, the energy for which we are in discussions with local communities to benefit from. This will include a 5MW on-grid “Test Bed” and a 1MW solar array & battery storage off-grid “Test Bed”. Phase 1 will integrate native plantings with the ground-mounted solar, and we are in discussions as to how the energy produced can benefit local communities, especially tribal communities. Phase 2 will consist of a training center and workforce development in the areas of renewable energy technologies and agrivoltaics. We are looking to model self-sufficiency in Northern WI and provide a rural community with more local resources, as well as a template for other coalitions to adopt.

3 minute Video Link: [▶ GERT Sovereign Solar@trainskillsmanagementllc3978](#)