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| Organization's Name | Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources Inc. (CIER) |
| Vision | Sustainable First Nation communities and a healthy Environment. |
| Mission | <p>Assist First Nations with building the capacity to address the environmental issues they face.</p> <p>CIER Values:</p> <p>Respect Integrity Innovation & Excellence Balance Teamwork</p> |
| Mandate | <p>CIER, the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources, is a national First Nation-directed environmental non-profit organisation.</p> <p>We offer research, technical services and education & training services to Indigenous communities, governments and private companies in four inter-related topic areas: forests, climate change, water, and sustainability.</p> <p>We are a non-political entrepreneurial non-profit organisation that focuses on developing and implementing solutions from a perspective that is holistic and interdisciplinary.</p> <p>We strive to live our work. We have a Corporate Sustainability Policy, we work in an award winning green office, and our library, one of the only Canadian collections dedicated to Aboriginal environmental issues, is open to the public. Our project grants and charitable donations are used to research emerging environmental issues.</p> <p>CIER was established in 1995 by a group of First Nation chiefs from across Canada in response to the need for First Nations themselves to address the environmental issues affecting their lands and resources. Today, we meet this need directly and indirectly by providing opportunities within our work for community members, our clients, or</p> |

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| | our staff to build their own capacity to develop sustainable solutions. |
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| <p>Key Activities/ Current Projects</p> | <p>Research & Technical Services</p> <p>CIER provides research and technical advisory services to First Nations, to government and non-government organisations, and to industry clients in the following four topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests • Climate Change • Water Resources • Sustainability and Sustainable Development <p>Research</p> <p>We provide research and analysis of contemporary and emerging First Nation and environmental issues, such as climate change, Aboriginal housing, and contaminants in traditional foods. Research is also provided to government and non-government organisations to develop and implement policy on a variety of issues such as environmental assessment, area planning, green procurement, green buildings, sustainable development and First Nation consultation.</p> <p>Technical Services</p> <p>We provide environmental technical services directly or indirectly to First Nations and other related government and non-government clients. These services include environmental assessment (screening level, comprehensive study, provincial class environmental assessments), project management, Environmental Management Plans (Frameworks), Program Management and Phase I Environmental Site Assessments.</p> <p>Wind and Voices Environmental Services, Inc.</p> <p>Winds and Voices Environmental Services (WAVES) is a wholly owned subsidiary of CIER that was created to contribute to the long-term financial sustainability of the</p> |
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| | <p>organization. It was also created to provide hands-on environmental capacity building within CIER, other Aboriginal environmental businesses and First Nation communities. WAVES is primarily used to facilitate, procure and perform Phase I Environmental Site Assessments, Program Development and Management and Project Management services.</p> <p>Education & Training</p> <p>Most Aboriginal communities in Canada do not currently possess the technical and scientific skills necessary to identify, record, interpret, monitor, problem-solve and engage in an ongoing process of environmental protection of their lands. In a needs assessment carried out by CIER in 1993-1994, First Nations were unanimous in their identification of the lack of qualified First Nation personnel to begin to deal with these issues.</p> <p>We appreciate the need to ensure that Aboriginal communities have members trained to acquire sound skills to manage and to address technical environmental issues at the community and broader level. We developed the second major area of services, education and training, to address this need. This service area is charged with developing educational tools for Aboriginal people that result in an increase in their ability and competence to address environmental issues.</p> <p>We have offered education and training to a variety of audiences since its inception in 1994. This division of CIER currently has two components: DÉVA and the EETP.</p> |
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