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## URBAN SOLAR FUNDS NEW BCIT AWARDS AND DONATES SOLAR LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR LEARNING

VICTORIA, BC – Urban Solar has proudly partnered with BCIT to establish an achievement award and bursary, with an initial commitment of three years. Urban Solar has also made an equipment donation to BCIT's technology lab within the [electrical trades program](#). The awards and equipment donation of commercial solar lighting components will go a long way to help BCIT and its growing renewable energy programs.

**Award:** [Graduating achievement award](#) to a student in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology – Electrical Power & Industrial Control option program within BCIT's School of Energy.

**Bursary:** [Bursary](#) for a student in the Environmental Engineering Technology program within BCIT's School of Construction and the Environment.

"Urban Solar mirrors the drive, innovation and creativity embedded in our programming, and has become a champion for our BCIT Students with their very generous support of awards through bursaries and scholarships that are indispensable to ensure that our students become the leaders, and innovators of tomorrow," says Kimberly Harmsen, Associate Director of Annual Giving and Stewardship at BCIT Foundation.

"With industry partners such as Urban Solar, and the donation of their solar energy equipment, we are able to provide our students with practical, hands-on learning experience using the latest technology and leveraging industry expertise. This allows us to ensure that BCIT students have all the necessary job-ready skills to succeed and contribute to the growing renewable energy market," says James Cai, Associate Dean with the School of Construction and the Environment.

"BCIT is a leader for photovoltaic studies," says Mark Harold, Urban Solar's Senior Business Development Manager. "Urban Solar was recently awarded a contract with the City of Vancouver for the Arbutus Greenway project. This award is another example of how strong BC's renewable energy sector is, and one which is made possible through institutions such as BCIT."

"We are a Canadian company, we are a British Columbian company, and giving back is a small gesture in support of a technical institution whose graduates may become future Urban Solar employees," says Urban Solar President Jeff Peters. "BCIT is a Canadian leader in technical vocational programs and its industry collaborations with companies such as Urban Solar also

establishes it as an international leader. BCIT has a winning record with placing graduates into the workplace quickly. This is not only great for the renewable energy community, but also British Columbia's economy."

#### ABOUT BCIT

BCIT (British Columbia Institute of Technology) is one of the province's largest post-secondary institutions with an annual enrollment of nearly 50,000 students. It offers programs designed to feed the workforce in BC and beyond. BCIT has degree, diploma, and certificate programs for everything from sciences to business, and from information technology to engineering.

#### ABOUT URBAN SOLAR

Urban Solar manufactures solar power systems and commercial LED lighting solutions for applications including transit, transportation, parking lots, pathway and general illumination. With more than 75 years of design and manufacturing experience, Urban Solar delivers the highest level of solar powered LED illumination in an integrated, reliable and customer focused design. All Urban Solar's lighting systems are independently tested, approved, and listed as entire systems by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

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