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Grant County sees the Solar Tech company Violet Power arrive with word on building a solar panel factory in Moses Lake.

The factory is to be fully operational late next year and will employ nearly one thousand people.

Violet Power is a proud green manufacturer, with a plan to create efficient and durable solar panels with the intent to warranty for 50 years.

We are excited to see another green manufacturer arrive in our area and certainly one that will bring in quite a few jobs to people in Grant County.

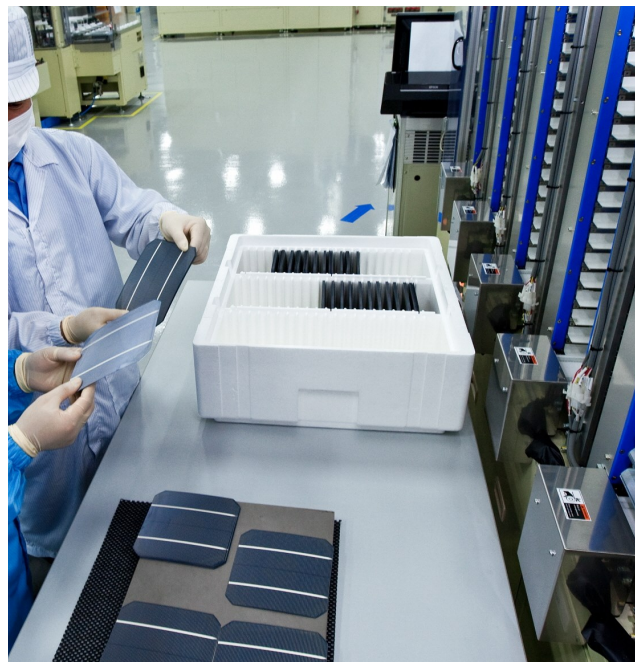
This company will bring a significant number of solar panels to the US, freeing it from dependence on imported panels. With access to low-cost silicon and a plant already in place, its no wonder this opportunity was taken by Violet Power.

Washington State has remained focused on green

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manufacturing across the state, and the Grant County EDC is proud that we can continually offer reliable and affordable power to large companies like Violet Power to produce in a sustainable manner.

According to the interview on the Columbia Basin Herald with Charlie Gay, Violet Power's CEO, they will likely plan on hiring 500 employees initially with manufacturing experience, and bringing on more as the building ramps up production.



Grant County EDC Drone License Received

The Grant County EDC's Nic Thurston has taken and passed the Unmanned Aircraft General test at Central Washington University on September 16th!

With only a few steps remaining, the EDC will soon have a fully licensed drone pilot available to shoot sites in high resolution video or take ultra high definition photographs from on high.

The drone will be registered with the EDC and we are excited to utilize our new technology as soon as possible!

Drone footage will help us remain up-to-date in terms of technology and utility. Being able to show anyone across the globe detailed site information and schematics will only serve to help the Grant County EDC and Grant County in general will become

more visible to the world.

We hope to be able to use this service in the next few months. Nic will be looking for some sites to practice with and will likely begin making the rounds to locations in Grant County to update our profiles. If you have any sites in mind that you feel could use an aerial touch, let Nic know at nic@grantedc.com!



Thanks goes out to Nic for his hard work in preparing for and passing his test. He will now be vetted by the FAA and should receive full certification in the next two weeks.

Congratulations, Nic!

<https://dronelife.com/2017/09/26/5-ways-to-become-a-better-drone-pilot/>

CARES Act Continued

The CARES Act grants continue in Grant County.

We have received close to 200 business applications for the CARES Act grant and so far we have received word that nearly 150 have received or will receive grant funds with another 40 businesses pending approval.

A push has been made to reach the Hispanic community in Grant County. Paperwork has begun translation and efforts are being made to contact individual businesses either with in-person visits or phone calls,

urging them to review and apply for the CARES Act.

There is still room for more businesses to apply, but funds are

going fast. If you know of any businesses who have been considerably impacted by COVID-19, we ask that you have them apply. Businesses can find the application at www.grantedc.com/grants/ and submit the applications to Nic at the Gmail address listed on the website.

The process does take a couple of weeks, so the sooner we can get applications in from businesses the more quickly they can receive word.

Checks have already gone out to nearly fifty businesses, with another 100 in the works!





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