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Cardinal Resources wins \$9M contract in Nigeria

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Pittsburgh-based Cardinal Resources has won a contract with Bayelsa State, Nigeria, worth \$9 million for 12 of its solar-powered water purification systems.

[Cardinal's Red Bird water purification system](#) is about the size of a 20-foot trailer and uses filters and salt and electricity to disinfect water. No chemicals are used and there is no external power source. It's designed to bring affordable, sustainable clean water to remote communities.

The contract will create 20 direct jobs and include products made by 34 U.S.-based suppliers, said Cardinal Resources President [Kevin Jones](#). It was hailed by the Bayelsa government [as a way to provide clean water from river water](#) for the residents of the region in southern Nigeria.

The East Carson Street company also plans to make the former Hall Industries property next to it into a manufacturing facility.

The deal was announced during a visit to Cardinal Resources by [Francisco Sanchez](#), undersecretary for international trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"Innovation is one of the key economic drivers for our country," Sanchez said. "Cardinal Resources is a great example of American innovation and American innovation at its best."