

# Commercial-Scale Renewable Energy Project Development and Finance Workshop July 9-11, 2013

## National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, Colorado San Juan Conference Room, Research Support Facility (RSF)

## AGENDA (DRAFT)

#### **Learning Objective**

Understand the process for and potential pitfalls of developing renewable energy projects. Determine how the development of a renewable energy project could further a Tribe's goals.

**Anticipated Results**: Attendees will be comfortable discussing renewable energy project development possibilities with project developers and project financing options with potential investors. Potential tribal roles will be clear and participants will better understand the five-step project development and financing process.

### Tuesday, July 9

8:30 & 8:45 a.m. 8:45-9:15 a.m.	Shuttle Pickup at Denver West Marriott Registration
9:15-9:30 a.m.	Welcome Tracey LeBeau and/or Pilar Thomas U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy
9:30-10:00 a.m.	Introductions
10:00-10:45 a.m.	Renewable Energy Project Development and Finance Framework: The Five Step Process
10:45-11:15a.m.	Table Topics: Renewable Technologies and Grid Basics
11:15-12:30 p.m.	Key Project Development and Financing Concepts
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Guest Speaker: The Process in Action Bill Cornelius (invited), Oneida Seven Generations Corporation
1:30-1:40 p.m.	Break
1:40-3:00 p.m.	Step 1: Do you Have a Project? Identifying Project Potential
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:40 p.m.	Step 1: Understanding Project Savings and Production Potential
4:40 -5:00 p.m.	Day 1 Wrap-Up and Evaluations
5:10 p.m.	Shuttle to Denver West Marriott

#### Wednesday, July 10

8:30 & 8:45 a.m. Shuttle Pickup at Denver West Marriott

8:45- 9:15 a.m. Registration

9:15-9:45 a.m. Review of Day 1/Agenda Revisions

9:45-10:45 a.m. Step 2: Project Options: Site Selection and Tribal Role Determination

10:45- 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00- 12:30 p.m. Step 2: Project Options: Financing and Procurement

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

Guest Speaker: Tribal Role Options and Strategies Rebecca Kaufman (invited), Southern Ute Tribe

1:30-2:20 p.m. Step 2: Project Options: Understanding Permitting Challenges and Interconnection

2:20-2:30 p.m. Break

2:30-4:00 p.m. Step 3: Project Refinement: Business and Financial Structures

4:00-4:45 p.m. Step 3: Project Refinement: Offtaker Agreements and Vendor Selection

4:45-5:00 p.m. Day 2 Wrap-Up and Evaluations

5:10 p.m. Shuttle to Denver West Marriott

Thursday, July 11

8:45-9:15 a.m. Registration

9:15-9:45 a.m. Review of Day 1/Agenda Revisions

9:45-10:30 a.m. Step 4: Project Implementation: Project Finalization

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

10:45- 11:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Financing and Construction

Jennifer Carleton (invited), Moapa Band of Paiutes

11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch and Jeopardy!

1:00-1:50 p.m. Step 5: Project Operations & Maintenance

1:50-2:20 p.m. Training Wrap-Up and Evaluations

2:30-4:00 p.m. NREL Campus Tours (Optional; More Details to Come)

4:00 p.m. Shuttle to Denver West Marriott