



**National Reservation Economic Summit (RES)
Las Vegas**

Tuesday, March 22–Wednesday, March 23, 2016

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy is proud to offer the following energy-related sessions as part of the National RES Las Vegas 2016, sponsored by DOE. The full event schedule and registration information can be found at: <http://res.ncaied.org/>.

Tuesday, March 22

9 – 10:15 a.m.

(Grand Ballroom A)

Opening General Session

Posting of the Colors: Native American Female Color Guard
Invocation: Benny Tso – Chairman, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe

Opening Welcome Presentation

- Gary Davis, President and CEO, NCAIED
- Derrick Watchman, Chairman, Board of Directors, NCAIED
- Raina Thiele, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement, The White House

Special Remarks

- Chris Deschene, Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, DOE
- Sen. John Barrasso, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
(Invited)

Awards Presentation

- Lifetime Congressional Achievement Award
- Tim Wapato Public Advocate of the Year Award

Featured Keynote Speaker

Dr. Chris Emdin, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology and Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education at Teachers College, Columbia University; Director of Science Education at the Center for Healthy Equity and Urban Science Education; Minorities in Energy Ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy; and STREAM Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State



**2:45 – 4 p.m.
(Antigua A)**

Roundtable: Tribal Energy Business – Building Public-Private Partnerships

This panel brings together industry leaders in energy and technology to explore the essential ingredients for attracting investment and building innovation in Indian Country. With panelists from some of the nation’s most successful businesses, this session aims to demonstrate how public and private partners can drive investment and what it takes to expand access to capital to spur economic growth in Indian Country.

Moderator:

- Douglas C. MacCourt, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, U.S. DOE

Panelists:

- Michael Geffard, President, LIATI Group, LLC
- Jetta Wong, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, DOE
- Mark Ward, Executive Power Director, Wells Renewable Energy

**4:15 – 5:45 p.m.
(Antigua A)**

Breakout Session 3: Energy Innovation – The Future of Energy Technology

What’s ahead? How can we keep supplying energy for the ever-growing population? How much will it cost? What impact will the energy choices we make have on our living conditions and our planet? Five global megatrends will shape the future of Indian Country: population growth and migration; climate change; technological innovations; higher living standards; and economic development. These indicators will force changes to the way energy is sourced, stored, transported and used. This panel will explore emerging changes in energy development and the industry rises to meet these growing challenges.

Moderator:

- David Conrad, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, DOE

Panelists:

- Jack Hebert, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- Steve Moddemeyer, Principal, CollinsWoerman
- Robert Sherick, Principal Manager, Southern California Edison Advanced Technology
- Jetta Wong, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, DOE



Wednesday, March 23

**10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(St. Thomas A)**

Forum: Energy Project Foundations – Planning, Development and Negotiation

This panel will discuss experiences in tribal energy planning and execution of projects. The speakers also will address how they formed their project teams and selected development partners.

Moderator:

- Jill Jones, Member, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group

Panelists:

- Anthony Giacobbe, General Manager, Seneca Energy
- Ali Sahabi, President, Optimum Group (consultant for Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians)
- Margie Schaff, Partner, Margaret Schaff & Associates, LLC.

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
(Grand Ballroom A & F)**

National Center American Indian Diversity Luncheon

- Lunch is served
- Award presentations
- Special remarks: David Conrad- Deputy Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy & Programs. *The Future of Stem and Workforce Development.*
- Keynote
- Final remarks

**1:45 – 3:15 p.m.
(Antigua A)**

Breakout Session 1: Energy Finance – Financing Energy Development

This panel will discuss access to capital issues involved in energy development. The panelists include successful project financiers and developers who have worked with tribes and will share their experiences in exploring financing options, accessing capital and finding ways to secure successful energy development.

Moderator:

- Givey Kochanowski, Alaska Program Manager, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, DOE

Panelists:

- Matt Ferguson, Founder and Director, Project Seastar
- Joel Laubenstien, Consultant, Baker Tilly
- Keja Nokomis Whiteman, Executive Director, Alaska Native Corporation Association

