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2025 Tribal Nation Transmission Program

The Tribal Nation Transmission Program was developed to support Tribal Nations engaging in the planning and development of electricity transmission. The program offers capacity building through educational resources, training, and on-call assistance from energy experts at the National Laboratory of the Rockies.

Project Impacts

In 2025, the Tribal Nation Transmission Program connected **27 Tribal Nations** and **2 Tribal Organizations** with technical experts, training, and to each other to ensure Tribes have a voice in transmission planning. Through direct technical assistance including feasibility assessments, siting support, and strategic energy planning, the program empowers Tribes to shape their transmission and energy infrastructure priorities.

To date, this program has supported

56

Tribal Members from

46

Tribes in

13

States

Engagement

Our energy experts have attended

- ✓ **24 Office Hour Sessions**
- ✓ **7 events**

to build awareness among Tribal Nations about program resources.

"Tribes need continued opportunities to engage early in transmission planning so their priorities shape long-term energy solutions."

-Liz Weber, Project Lead

Amplifying Tribal Voices

Our engagement with Tribes indicates the need for:



Transmission Planning



Technical Expertise



Resource Assessments



Building Codes and Utility Formation



Energy Efficiency



Energy Sovereignty

Participation Support

The Tribal Nation Transmission Program helps Tribes participate in critical conversations about transmission planning. This year, staff took part in seven events across the U.S. and supported participation from members of 19 different Tribes.

- **Tribal Energy Evolution Summit** *Minnesota*
- **Focus on Energy Tribal Nation Energy Symposium** *Wisconsin*
- **MTERA Annual Summit** *Wisconsin*
- **RE+ Nevada**
- **ATNI Energy Sovereignty Summit** *Washington*
- **Tribal Engagement in Western Energy Markets and Transmission Workshop Series** *New Mexico*
- **ETIPP Regional Meeting** *Idaho*

Reach Out for Assistance



Email the program team at GDOTribalTA@nrel.gov to be matched with resources for transmission planning.



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For more information, visit: energy.gov/gdo/tribal-nation-transmission-program

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