U.S. DEPARTMENT of ENERGY | Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Advancing Affordable, Reliable, and Secure Energy for Tribal Nations

We partner with Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to catalyze Tribal energy development and deliver affordable, reliable, and secure energy.

The Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005, under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, authorizes the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy to fund and carry out a variety of programs and projects that:

- **Promote Tribal energy development, efficiency, and use**
- **Reduce or stabilize energy costs**
- **Enhance and strengthen Tribal energy and economic infrastructure**
- **Electrify Indian lands and homes.**

Financial Assistance

The Office of Indian Energy provides financial assistance on a competitive basis to develop and deploy energy infrastructure and technology on Tribal lands.

Impact of Investments in Tribal Energy Projects Since 2010

More than **250** Tribal energy projects funded

Over **$535M** in savings over the life of the projects

$3.38 saved for every DOE dollar invested

Added **63 MW** of power generation to Tribal lands

Technical Assistance

The Office of Indian Energy offers no-cost technical assistance to federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal entities, including Alaska Native regional and Village corporations, to support the advancement of energy projects. The Office of Indian Energy engages subject matter experts from DOE's national laboratories and other partner organizations to provide technical assistance to Tribes. Technical assistance topics include energy planning at project and community levels, building assessment to identify improvements that could be made to increase building energy performance and cost savings, energy resource development assessments, Tribal utility formation, and enabling a competitive energy development business environment for new energy commerce opportunities.

Capacity Building

The Office of Indian Energy provides informational and educational events and resources to enhance Tribal knowledge about energy policy, programs, and projects.

Tribal Energy Navigation Support

In search of the right resources and contacts to move your energy project forward? The Office of Indian Energy is available to help! We provide energy navigation support to federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, Intertribal Organizations (including Tribal consortia), Tribal Energy Development Organizations, and Tribal Colleges and Universities. Our Tribal Energy Navigator team can assist in identifying potential funding opportunities and no-cost technical assistance that align with Tribal goals.

Program Review

Program Review features project status updates from Tribes across the nation that are leveraging Office of Indian Energy funding to deploy energy technology. This event provides an opportunity for Tribes to show achievement of program goals and objectives, share lessons learned, improve program outcomes, and foster the adoption of promising practices.

National Tribal Energy Forum

Hosted by the Office of Indian Energy, this event brings Tribal leaders together with senior administration officials and representatives from federal agencies, state governments, private industry, utilities, academia, and others to exchange ideas and explore opportunities for Tribal energy development and energy topics of mutual interest.

Tribal Fellowship Program

The Energy Innovator Fellowship is a workforce development program that matches qualified recent graduates and professionals with host organizations, including Tribal entities, to advance solutions to modernize the power system, improve energy infrastructure for transportation and industry, and make the U.S. power system more reliable, affordable, and resilient.

Online Resources

The Office of Indian Energy provides webinars and a variety of online resources including an e-newsletter, an extensive resource library, and more to help enhance Tribal capacity.

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