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

Technical Assistance for Tribes and Tribal Entities

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) 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.



Tribal representatives at a planning session. *Photo from DOE.*

Energy Planning supports tribes' efforts to plan for their energy futures. This work could include facilitated support of strategic energy planning efforts or more narrow analysis of energy options/opportunities.

Resource Assessments review which energy resources are available and viable to provide affordable, abundant, and reliable energy to meet your tribe's goals and needs.

Energy Project Planning provides expert guidance and analysis to address specific barriers that you may face during energy project development. Types of support offered include modeling and analysis, third-party independent reviews, economic analysis, technology options assessments, and other assessments.

Energy Governance Support can help you navigate through governance questions relevant to project development. Types of support include energy code development and utility formation assessments.

Enabling a Sustainable Competitive Business Environment provides support in enhancing the legal environment for energy sector commerce. This includes assistance to advance high-value energy projects, evaluating proposals, modernizing or developing energy frameworks, and capacity building.

Expanded Topics

Data Center Development provides support for identifying and understanding early-stage energy considerations in data center projects.

High-Performing Tribal Buildings assists with building energy modeling, energy efficiency assessments or audits, or approaches to fund or finance building energy improvements.

Tribal Utility Support may help tribal utilities overcome utility system challenges such as power quality, ratemaking, interconnection, or general operations issues.

Geothermal Energy assistance may include identification of existing geothermal resource data and early-stage assessment of geothermal opportunities for direct heating/cooling or electricity generation.

Nuclear Energy assistance can focus on early-stage analysis of small modular reactors (SMRs) or micro-reactors, their community impact, and understanding the requirements for integration.

Combined Heat and Power (CHP) supports pre-feasibility studies for facilities with large electricity and heating/cooling loads (e.g., data centers, casinos, community centers).

Are you eligible to receive technical assistance?

- ☐ Are you a federally recognized Indian tribe, including Alaska Native regional and Village corporation, or are you a tribal entity, such as a tribal energy development organization, intertribal organization, or other organized tribal group? Technical assistance to enhance the legal environment is only available to tribes.
- ☐ Is your request related to at least one of the 11 types of technical assistance offered by the Office of Indian Energy? If you are uncertain which category best fits your request, you are still encouraged to apply.

If you're eligible, follow these steps.

1. Read and determine the type of technical assistance you'd like to request.
2. Submit an email request to ie-commerce-ta@hq.doe.gov for legal technical assistance or to ie-ta@hq.doe.gov for all other types. See the technical assistance page for more details: energy.gov/indianenergy/request-technical-assistance.
3. An Office of Indian Energy representative will contact you to schedule a call to discuss your request and agree on the type and scope of the technical assistance to be provided.
4. Provide any supplemental information requested.
5. Participate in a briefing with DOE on the results of the technical assistance.
6. Receive a tangible product or specific deliverable as agreed to under #3 above.
7. Provide feedback regarding the technical assistance received.

To learn more, visit the Office of Indian Energy's technical assistance page: energy.gov/indianenergy/technical-assistance.

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