





# FINANCING TRIBAL ENERGY PROJECTS & INVESTING IN TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Tribal Ownership
- Energy Independence
- Energy Reliability
- Generational Investment
- Profitability







### **ENERGY TECHNOLOGY SAMPLES**

- Electricity generation, transmission and/or distribution facilities, utilizing renewable or conventional energy sources
- Energy storage facilities (batteries)
- Energy resource extraction, refining or processing facilities
- Energy transportation facilities

- District heating and cooling facilities
- Cogeneration facilities
- Distributed energy project portfolios, including portfolios of smaller distributed generation and storage facilities employed pursuant to a unified business plan













# \$20 BILLION DESIGNATED FOR TRIBES & TRIBALLY OWNED ENTITIES

## **5 MUST HAVES**

- 1. Borrower Is a Tribe or Tribal Energy Development Organization
- 2. Can be Located On or Off Tribal Land
- 3. Financially Viable
- 4. Energy Project used as collateral and the Tribe is insulated
- 5. Investment in Energy Resources, Products, and Services











- The Loan Programs Office (LPO) is like a public policy bank within the U.S. Department of Energy.
- LPO finances innovative clean energy, advanced transportation, and Tribal Energy Investments, serving as a bridge to bankability for underserved borrowers, breakthrough projects and technologies.







#### WHY INVEST IN ENERGY?

# An energy project can strengthen Tribal Sovereignty and revitalize a Tribe's Economy.

- Tribal Infrastructure Investment project costs can be reduced through newly available tax credits
- Land & Natural Resource Investment

- Strategic Energy Partner Investment
- Sovereign Private Equity Investment
- Tribal Utility Authority Investment









# THE UNIQUE VALUE OF DOE TRIBAL ENERGY FINANCING



#### **Access to Patient Capital**

that private lenders cannot or will not provide.



#### Flexible Financing

customized for borrowers' needs.



#### **Committed DOE Partnership**

offering borrowers specialized expertise for the lifetime of the loan.







## TRIBAL ENERGY FINANCE TEAM WILL **WORK WITH YOU TO HELP YOUR ENERGY PROJECT SUCCEED**

- Loans based on U.S. Treasury rates from U.S. Federal Financing Bank (FFB)
  - \$20 billion in loan authority exclusively for Tribes
- Team understands and respects Tribal and Program objectives
- Team will help navigate resources across government to promote success

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### "TAX CREDITS" FOR TRIBES

- Historically, an important Federal incentive for energy projects tax credits was an economic benefit paid only to taxable entities.
- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) now allows Tribal Nations to receive tax credits for eligible projects, as well as the option to receive the tax credit in the form of a Direct Payment from the IRS. While not a grant, it functions similar to a grant.
- These Direct Payments functionally reduce the overall cost of the energy project for the Tribal Nation owner of the project.









### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Application** 

**Underwriting** 

Pre-Application

Application & Review

Due Diligence

- Part I Eligibility
  - Borrower
  - Project
- Part II Viability

- Tribe
- NEPA Compliance
- Legal/Regulatory
- Market
- Technical









# LOAN VS GUARANTEE

# LOAN











## LET'S DISCUSS YOUR PROJECT

**Request a Pre-Application Consultation:** 

**Meet the Tribal Energy Team** 

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