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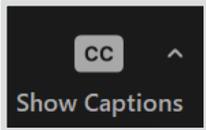
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Tribal Energy Program Review Mini-Series

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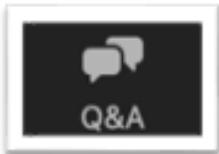
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Energy project challenges
encountered and the innovative
solutions implemented in two
remote Alaskan villages—
Kawerak and Igiugig

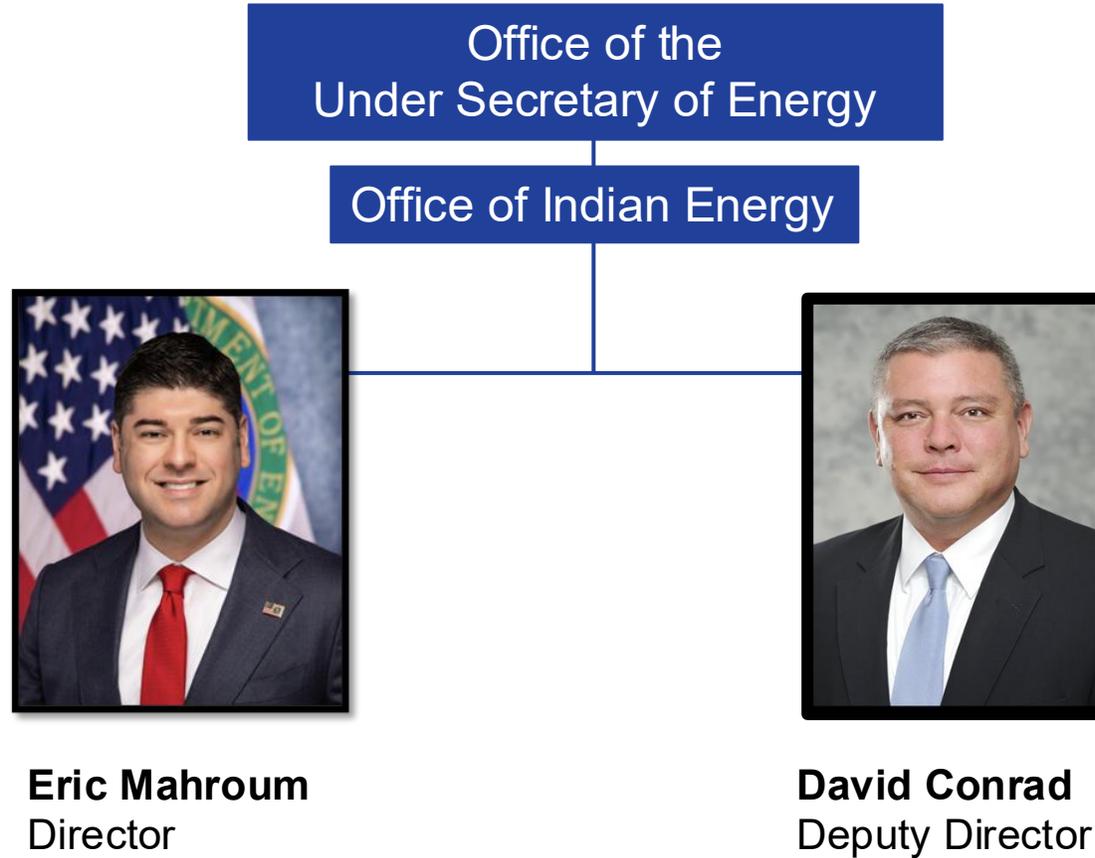
Office of Indian Energy Overview

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Office of Indian Energy Leadership



Office of Indian Energy Mission

The Office's mission is in its Congressional authorizing statute:

- **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.

The Office of Indian Energy was established by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 under 45 USC 7144e & 25 USC 3502(b).



The remote Native Village of Unalakleet, Alaska completed two rounds of technical assistance with the Office of Indian Energy, focused on energy efficiency and microgrids. Photo by Werner Slocum / NREL.

Who the Office of Indian Energy Supports

The Office of Indian Energy supports **Indian Country**, specifically:

- Indian Tribes
 - Federally recognized Indian Tribes
 - Alaska Native Corporations
- Intertribal Organizations
- Tribal Energy Development Organizations

Eligible entities listed under (25 USC §3502(b)(2))



Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (MN) Biomass District Heating System for its Brookston Community Center in 2025 Photo by Josh Gregory, DOE

Igiugig, AK installed its first RivGen in 2019 with support from DOE Water Power Technologies Office. In 2021 the Village began installing a second device co-funded by the Office of Indian Energy. Photo from ORPC



How the Office Supports Indian Country

Financial Assistance



Cost-share leveraged funding to support Tribal energy development

Technical Assistance



No-cost planning, analysis, commerce, and engineering support for successful project outcomes

Capacity Building



Capacity building to enable Tribes to fully participate in unleashing American energy

Unaatuq Energy: Geothermal Technology for Pilgrim Hot Springs - Alaska

Kelsey Galleher
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Igiugig Village: A Resilient and Autonomous Microgrid

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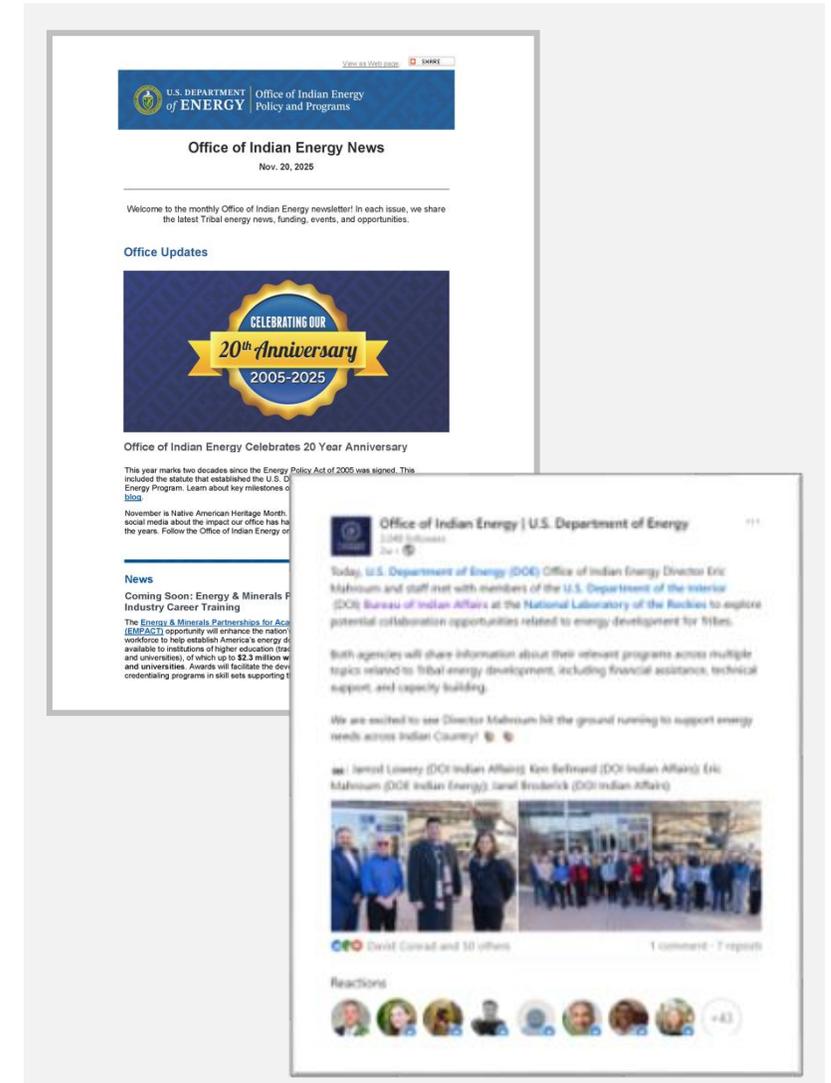
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