Aroostook Band of Micmacs
Strategic Energy Planning Initiative

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Presentation Overview

- ABM Background and Demographics
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- Project Goals and Objectives
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ABM Background and Demographics

- 1,000 Members in ABM
- Micmac Nation: 7 districts of 29 bands with 30,000 members
- Federally recognized on November 26, 1991
- Median income $18,059 compared to $34,018 statewide; 42% unemployment
Geographic Area

- Northern Maine
- Most tribal members reside in Aroostook County, northernmost county in Maine
  - 620 tribal members dispersed over 6,672 square miles
- 15% Population decline in county due to closing of Loring Air Force Base
Energy Perspective

• Energy Critical to Economic Development and Tribal Budget
• Maine among highest energy costs nationwide
• Energy one of ABM highest expenses
  – Tribal government spends >$200K annually on energy and energy assistance programs
• Energy will play key role in redevelopment of Loring Air Force Base
• Opportunities: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
Project Goals and Objectives

- **Energy Independence**
  - Independence from outside suppliers
  - Self-Determination

- **Economic Development**
  - Attract Businesses / Support Loring AFB Redevelopment
  - Job creation
  - Generate Tribal Revenue
Project Activities

Form Energy Committee → Research and Education → Develop Energy Vision → Develop Action Plan

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Project Partners

US DOE Tribal Energy Program

KEMA (energy consultants)

Lori Colombo (planning consultant)
Next Steps

- Form Energy Committee
- Project Kickoff Meeting
- Detailed Schedule Development