

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

# **DOE's Tribal Energy Program**



## **Alaska Native Village Energy Development Workshop**

**April 29, 2014**

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U.S. DOE, Tribal Energy Program**



# Department of Energy

## Advancing Energy and National Security through Science, Technology and Environmental Stewardship

Contributes to the future of the Nation by ensuring energy security, maintaining the safety, security and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile, cleaning up the environment from the legacy of the Cold War, and developing innovations in science and technology

### Managed by Program Offices:

- Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy
- Loan Programs Office
- Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
- **Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy**
- Environmental Management
- Fossil Energy
- **Indian Energy Policy and Programs**
- Legacy Management
- Nuclear Energy
- Science



**Principally, a National Security Agency**

# Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

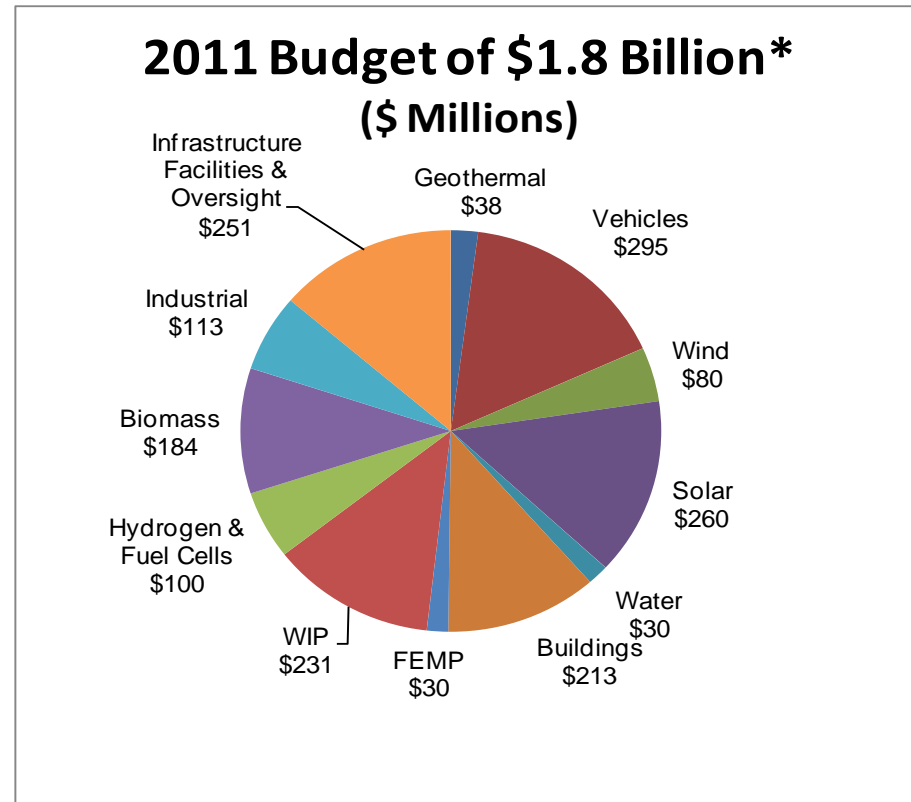
## Clean Energy for America's Future

Invests in clean energy technologies that:

- Strengthen the economy,
- Protect the environment, and
- Reduce dependence on foreign oil

Leverages partnerships to transform the nation's economic engine to one powered by clean energy.

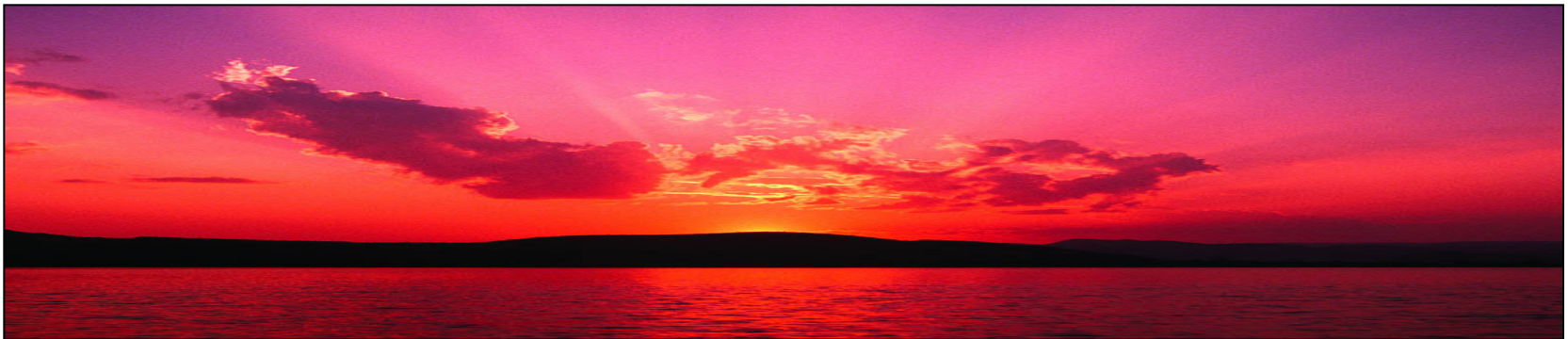
\* Operates a budget of \$1.8 billion (2011) and responsible for investing more than \$16 billion in Recovery Act funds



**Primary Focus is Research & Development**

## Program Purpose

**Promote Tribal energy sufficiency and foster economic development and employment on Tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.**



In cooperation with DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, the Tribal Energy Program provides information and education, and financial and technical assistance to Tribes to develop their renewable energy resources and reduce their energy consumption.



# Program Mission

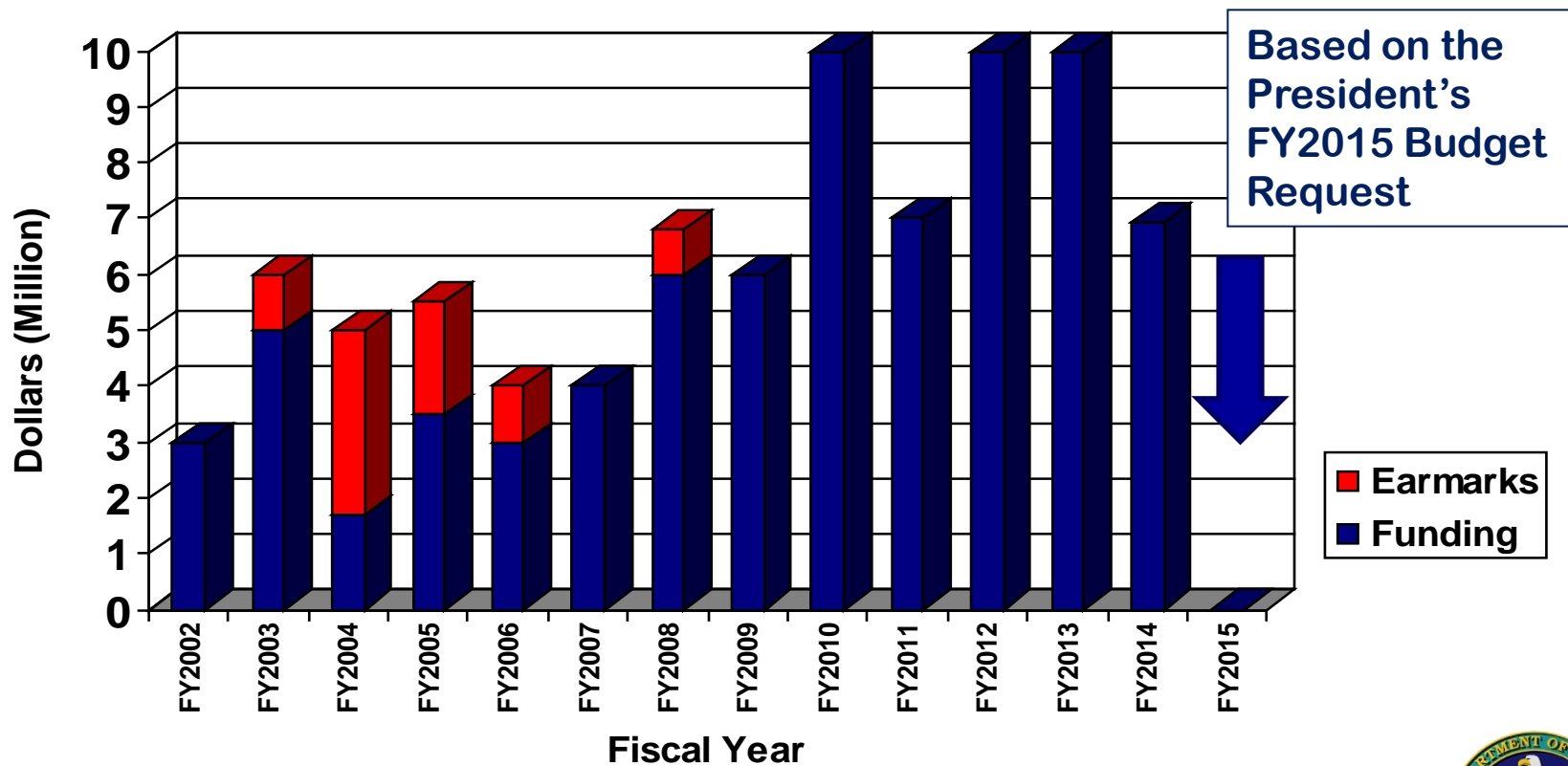


***Offering financial and technical assistance to Tribes through government-to-government partnerships that:***

- 1) Enable Tribal leaders to make informed decisions about energy choices;***
- 2) Bring renewable energy and energy efficiency options to Indian Country;***
- 3) Enhance human capacity through education and training;***
- 4) Improve local Tribal economies and the environment; and***
- 5) Make a difference in the quality of life of American Indians and Alaska Natives.***



# Program Funding History



**Averages ~\$6.0 million per year**





# Tribal Energy Program Funding\*

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
DOE Request	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$7.0	\$0.0
Appropriated Funds	\$7.0	\$10.0	\$9.42	\$6.9	TBD

**Per the President's FY2015 Budget Request, \$0 million requested for Tribal Energy Program**

*Per the Request, "The Tribal Energy Program and its activities..... is proposed for consolidation into the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs."*

\* Amounts in Millions



# President's FY2015 Budget Request

- Per the President's FY2015 budget request, the Tribal Energy Program and activities are proposed to be consolidated into the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy) in Fiscal Year 2015.
- The Intent of the consolidation of Indian programs under one Office, is to provide Tribes with a one-stop shop for developing and managing their energy resources in an "all of the above" energy strategy.
- Per EAct 2005, the Office of Indian Energy was established with funding authorization through FY2016; and identified specific activities that are similar to those currently being conducted by the EERE Tribal Energy Program.
- Although this is still subject to Congressional approval through the FY2015 Appropriations Act, if passed, all funding and activities through the Tribal Energy Program will be transferred - meaning, that you will now be working with the Office of Indian Energy to access grant funding (if any) and for any technical assistance.
- However, we have had a cooperative working relationship with the Office of Indian Energy since that Office was established (2011), and therefore if authorized by Congress, we will work with that Office to ensure a smooth transition.





# Three Pronged Approach

**Financial  
Assistance**

*Success through  
Government-to-  
Government  
Partnerships*

**Technical  
Assistance**

*Leveraged through  
Intergovernmental  
Coordination*

**Information & Education**

*Leveraged with Intra-  
governmental  
Coordination*



# Providing Financial Assistance

**Providing financial and technical assistance to Tribes for the evaluation, development, and deployment of renewable energy resources and energy efficiency on Tribal lands**

## Eligibility:

Federally-recognized Tribes including Alaska Native villages or regional or village corporations, Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations, and Tribal Consortia (two or more entities, at least one of which is an Indian Tribe and the application is submitted by the Tribe).



**Tribal Lands** include Indian reservations; Public domain Indian allotments; Former Indian reservations in Oklahoma; Land held by under the provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and Lands held in fee simple or under a long-term Federal land lease.

***All Funds Awarded through a Competitive Process***



# Competitive Process (2002-2013)

## Accomplishments \*

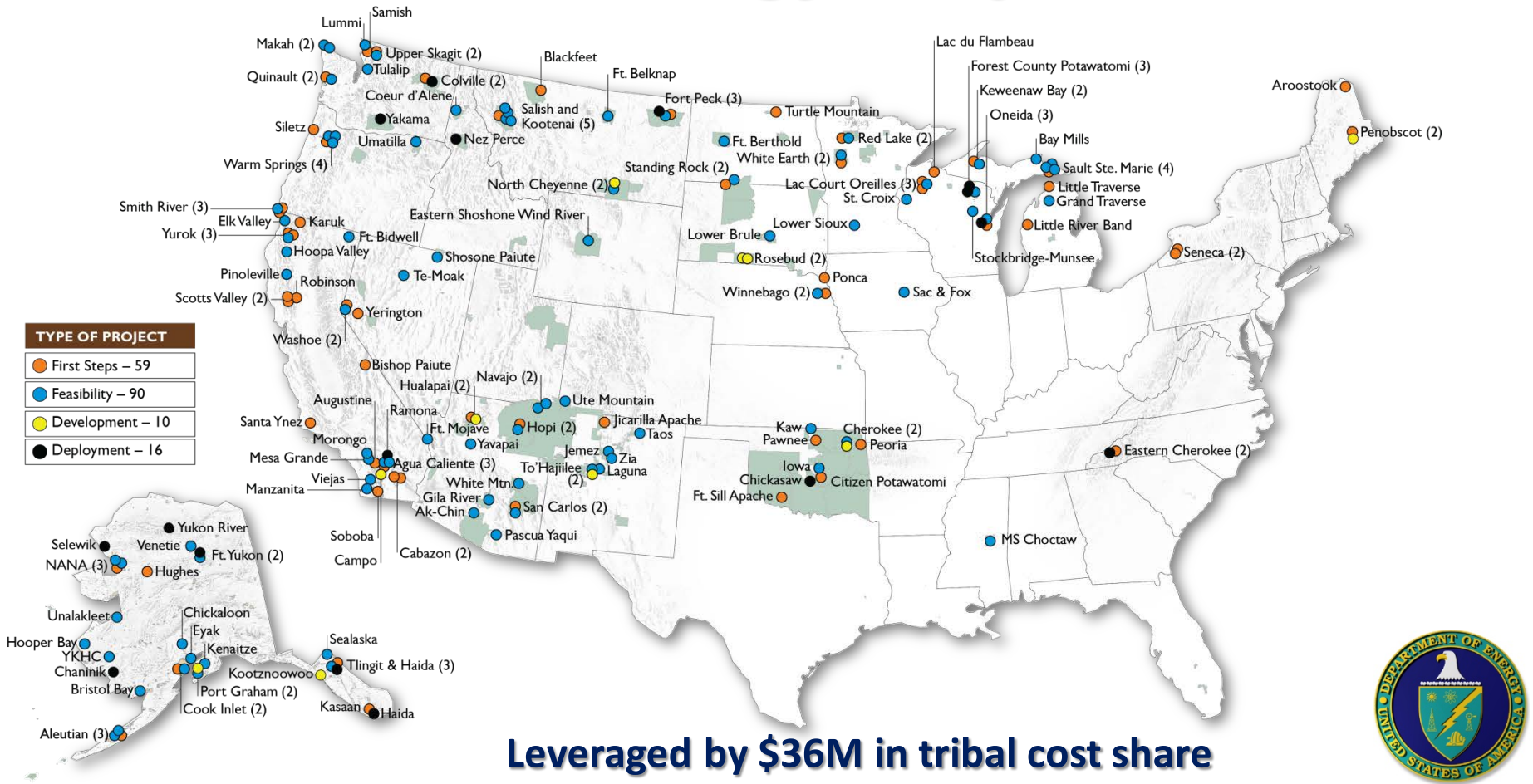
- **17 Funding Opportunities Announcements issued**
- **Total of 610 applications accepted** (valued at \$316 million)
- **84.8% of meritorious applications funded** (Total of 184 of 217)
- **Funded 30.2% of all applications received** (using multi-year funds)  
DOE average is ~5 to 10%.
- **Funded 126 Different Tribes** (22.2% of the 566 Tribes)

\* Including 9 pending awards.

***Over 70% of All Discretionary Funding Provided  
Directly to Tribes through Grants***



# DOE has Invested \$41.8 Million in 175 Tribal Energy Projects (2002-2012)



Leveraged by \$36M in tribal cost share



# Project Accomplishments

## Return on DOE's \$41.8 Million Investment

- Over 800 MW of potential new renewable energy generation under development
- Over 4,000 MW of tribal renewable energy resources being assessed
- Over 67 tribal buildings (1.7 million square feet) retrofitted for a savings of over \$3 million per year
- Energy audits completed on over 250 tribal buildings
- Over 170 tribal members training as part of these tribal energy projects

Leveraged by \$36M in tribal cost share



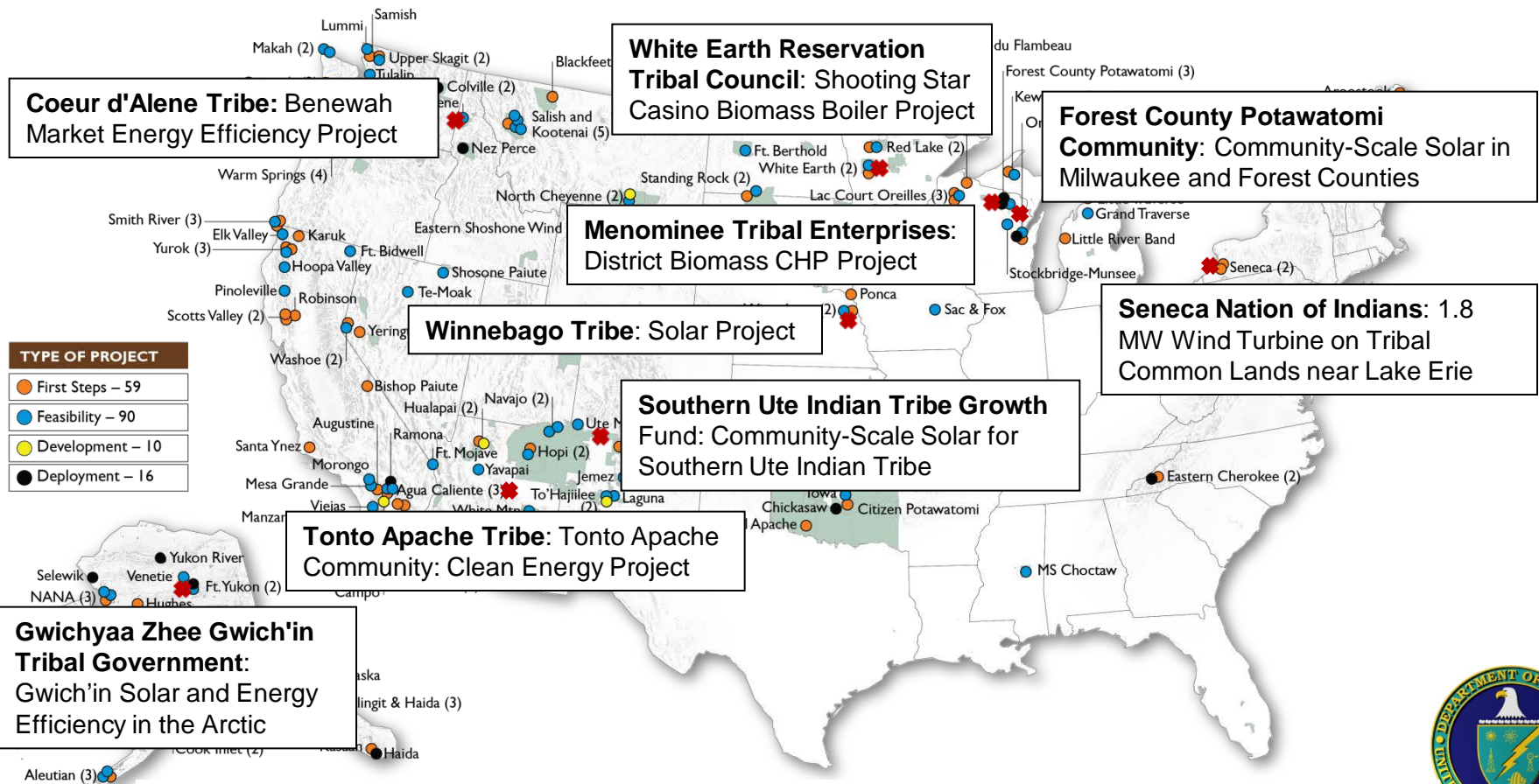
# Highlighted during the 2013 White House Tribal Nations Conference

Awards Pending for Nine Tribal Energy Projects Valued at more than \$7 Million

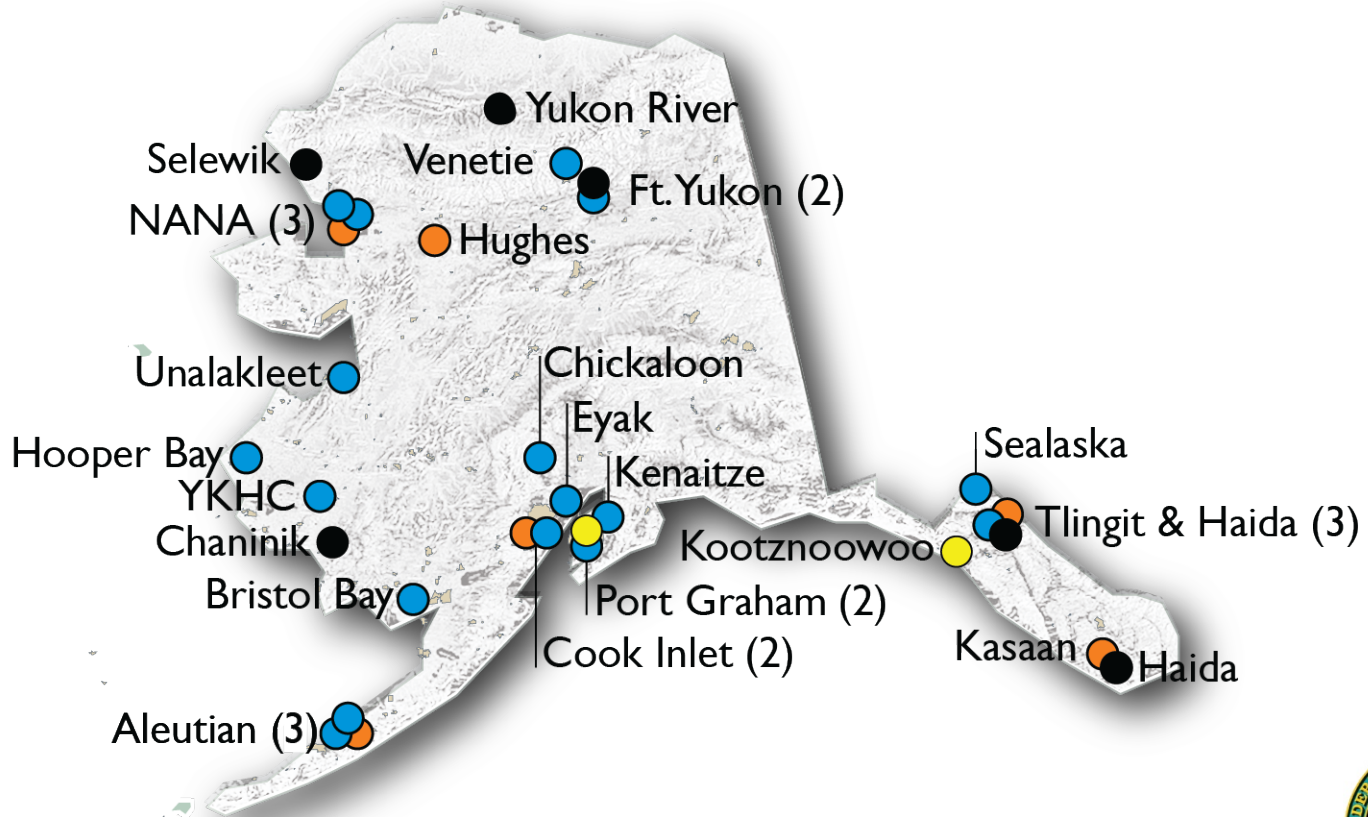
*“As part of the Obama Administrations commitment to strengthening partnerships with Tribal nations and building stronger, more resilient Communities that are better prepared for a changing climate, the Energy Department announced nine tribal clean energy projects to receive more than \$7 million.”*



# Awards pending for nine Tribal energy projects valued at more than \$7 million



# Investment of \$9.7 Million in 31 Alaska Energy Projects (2002-2012)



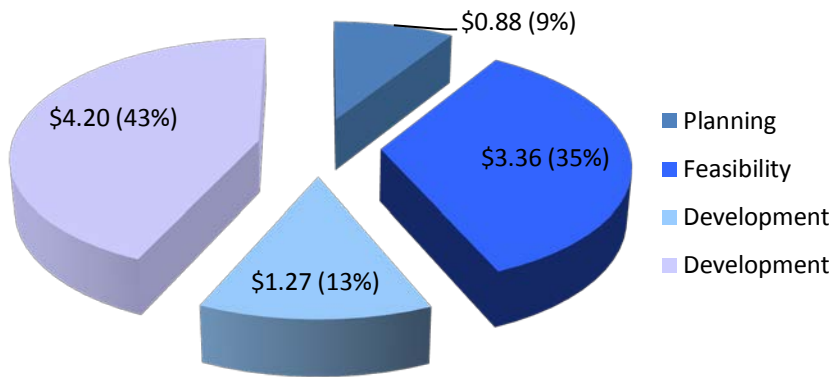
**Project Summaries and Reports Posted**



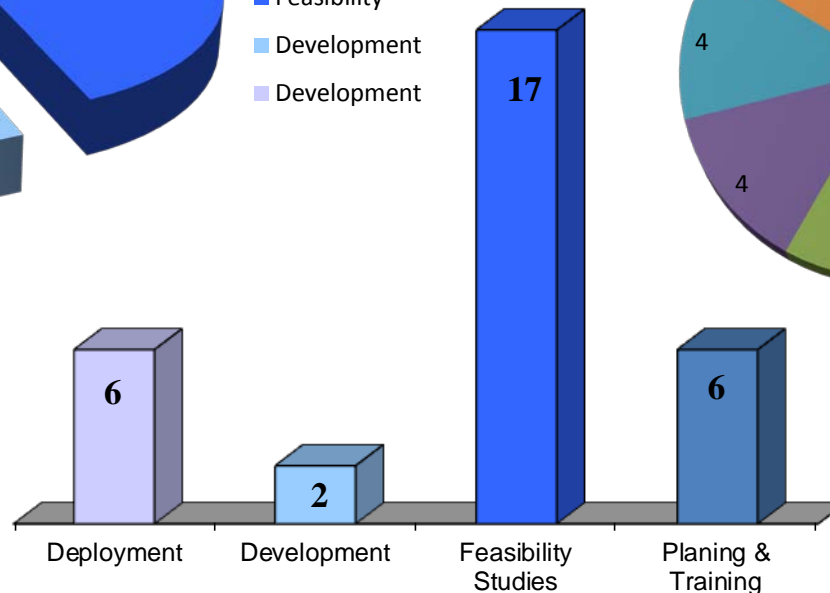
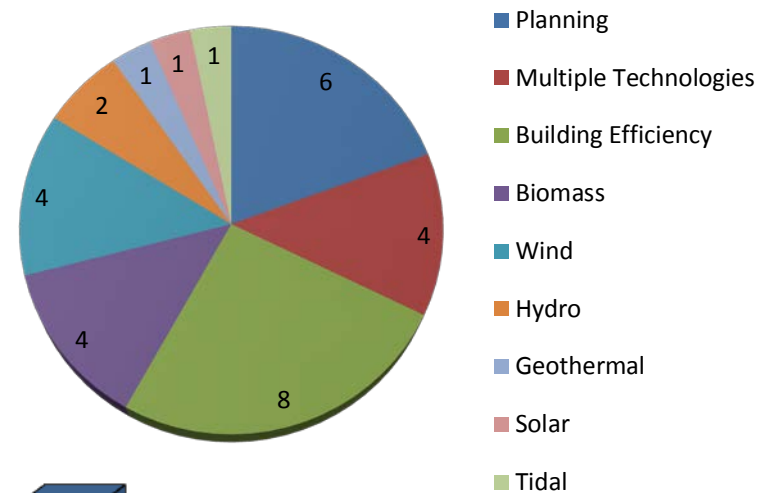


# Alaska Energy Project Pipeline (2002-2012)

DOE Funding by Project Type  
(\$9.7M)



AK Projects by Technology (31)



# Alaska Project Accomplishments

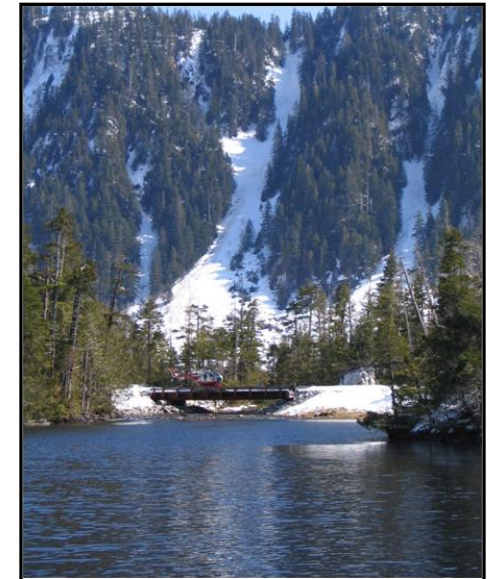
## *Renewable Energy Deployment in Indian Country*

### Renewable Energy Deployment Projects



**Chaninik Wind Group's**  
Thermal Heating Project (AK)

**Council of Athabascan  
Tribal Government (CATG)**  
Biomass Heating Project in  
Fort Yukon (AK)



**Haida Corp's**  
Reynolds Creek 5MW Hydro  
Project in Angoon (AK)

**Project Summaries and Reports Posted Online**



# Alaska Project Accomplishments

*Deployment to Save Energy for the Future*

## Building Retrofit Projects

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) upgrading sanitation facilities in Selawik, AK



Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) retrofitting 4 buildings for projected annual savings of \$52,271 (AK)



Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (YRITWC) installing energy efficiency measures for the Nunamiut people of Anaktuvuk Pass to reduce energy use by 34%



# Alaska Project Accomplishments

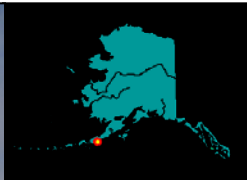
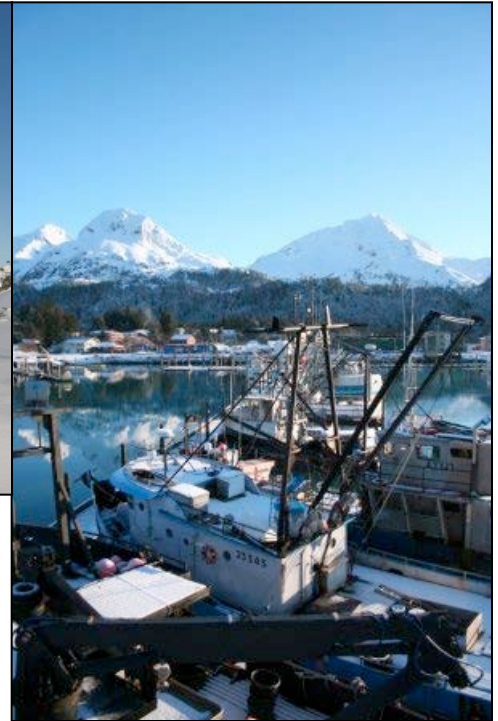
## *Assessing the Feasibility of Renewable Energy*



**Chickaloon Village Traditional Council** assessing use of renewables through their Uk'e koley (No Footprint) project



**Native Village of Eyak** assessing the potential for wind in Cordova, Alaska



**Aleutian Pribilof Island Association (APIA)** assessed wind potential in the Aleutian Islands

Sand Point wind turbines projected to save 152,000 gallons per year



# Alaska Project Accomplishments

## *Understanding Energy Use and Building Human Capacity*



**Sea Lion Corp** conducted energy audits on 24 homes in Hooper Bay, Alaska



**Cook Inlet Tribal Council** training two apprentices in weatherization (4,000 hour program). Apprentices to graduate February 2012 and be hired to serve local communities.



**Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA)** to conduct energy audits on over 50 buildings and train technicians in Southeast Alaska (AK)



# Providing Technical Assistance



## Types of Technical Assistance

### 1) Strategic Energy Planning

Consists of a facilitated on-site session

### 2) Project Development Support

Consists of expert guidance and/or analysis to help address a specific need or barrier to a tribal clean energy project.



National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Science & Technology Facility and Solar Energy Research Facility (SERF)



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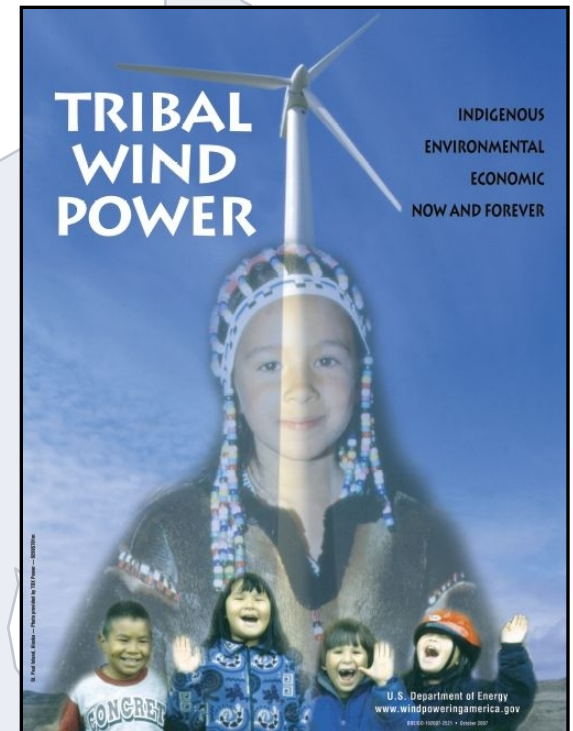


Assisting Tribes with expertise from DOE's National Laboratories and Other Providers



# Education & Training

- Annual Program Review
- National Workshops
- Tribe Specific or Regional Trainings
  - Upon Request and within available resources
- Student Internships
- On-line “Guide to Tribal Energy Development”
- On-line Short Courses (workshop material)
- Informational Resources (handbooks & guides)
- Webinars (real-time and archived)



***Building Human Capacity in Indian Country***



# Annual Program Review

## Unique Tribal Forum for Sharing and Learning

- Forum for Tribes to meet and learn from other each other and to share their successes
- Networking & learning opportunity
- Forty to fifty (40-50) Tribal energy projects presented
- Typically ~200 - 250 participants (over 1,850 since 2002)



I enjoyed the program review very much. Thanks.

It was an excellent meeting

As always, you guys put on a great conference. The energy level, the ideas, and the level of support and cooperation among the tribes is very high.

Thanks for putting on a great conference. It was my first time attending, but I am sure I will be back in future years. Really well organized and run.

I thought the conference was great. Was honored to be able to participate.



# Student Summer Internships

## Applications

- Applications due each February
- 12 week internship at Sandia National Laboratories (NM)
- See TEP website for application form or “Join email list”

## Immersion into Renewable Energy

- Interns gain hands-on experience on renewable energy systems
- Required to produce a research paper as part of the internship

## Interns

- Twenty-eight (28) interns sponsored since 2002

## Contact

- Sandra Begay-Campbell at (505) 844-5418 or [skbegay@sandia.gov](mailto:skbegay@sandia.gov)

**Student Papers & Testimonials Posted on  
TEP Website**

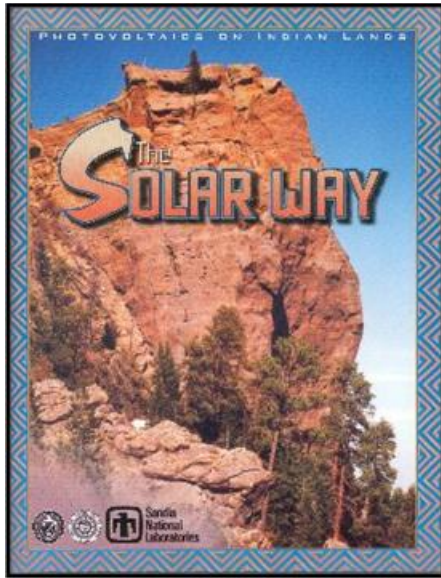
2008 Interns’  
participated in PV  
installation & training  
workshop (AZ-Hopi)



Deborah Tewa (certified electrician & solar installer) at Sandia’s PV Laboratory (2002)



# Tribal Energy Program



# Information Resources

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The U.S. Department of Energy's Tribal Energy Program provides financial and technical assistance that enables tribes to evaluate and develop their renewable energy resources and reduce their energy consumption through efficiency and weatherization. The program also offers education and training opportunities designed to foster clean energy technology adoption, promote green jobs and growth, and strengthen native communities. Learn more about the [Tribal Energy Program](#).

**POPULAR LINKS**

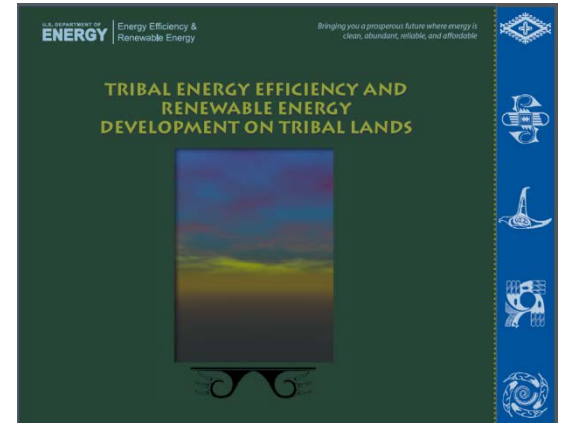
I want to...

- Learn about [funding opportunities](#)
- Get information on [existing tribal energy projects](#)
- Learn how to [develop and implement an energy project](#)
- Register for [upcoming trainings](#)
- Request [technical assistance](#)
- Contact the program's [help desk](#)

**FEATURES**

- 2012 Tribal Energy Program Review
- Guide to Tribal Energy Development

Subscribe to email updates



Subcontract Report  
NREL/58-744-48078  
June 2010

## Renewable Energy Development in Indian Country: A Handbook for Tribes

By Douglas C. MacCourt  
Chair, Indian Law Practice  
Ater Wynne LLP

A Project for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)  
and the Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC.

June 2010 Edition

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### Project Development

With a strategic plan in hand, lowering your tribe's energy options, and having chosen your preferred institutional arrangements, it is time possible to formulate an action plan, raise funding, and move forward with specific projects that contribute to your tribal energy sufficiency goals.

Below actually converting to construction, most energy projects benefit from a more detailed **feasibility assessment**. The initial screening that takes place during strategic plan development should identify a number of interesting options while generating lists of unanswered questions. For the preferred options, conducting a good feasibility assessment will reduce the list of interesting options down to the possible options, which can be further ranked by criteria important to the tribe. The winners can then move into the project development process.

As part of the feasibility assessment, the tribe should begin discussions with the local electric utility about an interconnection agreement. The **interconnection process** should proceed in parallel with the project development process, which is mapped out below. Each step will provide you with much, if not all, of the information and documentation needed to move your individual projects forward. To continue, select a step in the process or [visit the separate sections](#).

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## TRIBAL AUTHORITY PROCESS

Case Studies:  
The Conversion of  
On-reservation Electric Utilities to  
Tribal Ownership and Operation

Prepared for:  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Tribal Energy Program

Prepared by:  
Western Area Power Administration  
Renewable Resources Program  
Updated and revised September 2010

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# Informational Materials

## Short Courses

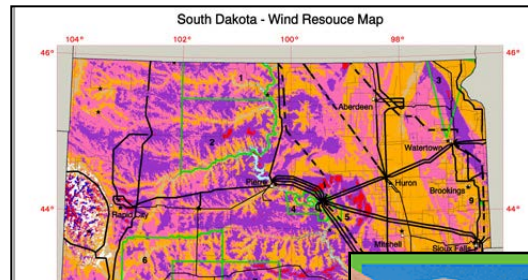
- Analysis & Economics
- Business & Financing
- Community Development
- Demand-side Options
- Renewable Technologies

## Handbooks & Guides

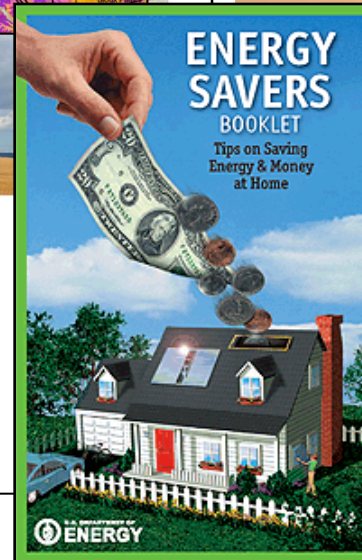
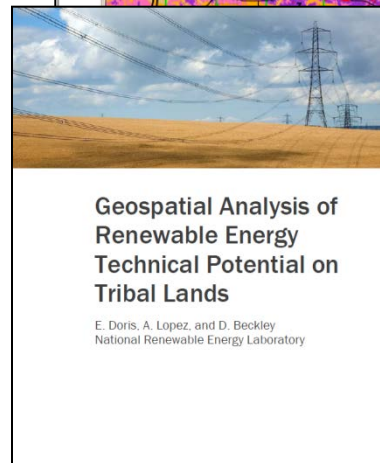
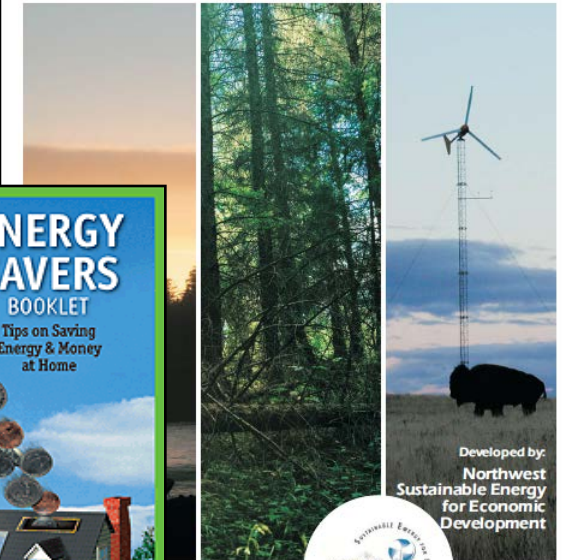
- A Guide: Energy Planning
- Energy Consumption and Renewable Energy Development on Indian Lands
- A Handbook: Renewable Energy in Indian Country

## Tools & Models

- Resource Potential Maps
- Reservation Specific Wind Maps



## Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes



All Material Posted on Program Website



# Program Website

- Features
- Program Brochure
- Upcoming Events
- Short Courses
- Education & Training
- Funding Opportunities
- Projects on Tribal Lands
- Link to “Guide”
- Information Resources
- Join Email List
- Contacts

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Tribal Energy Program website. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text 'Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy'. Below this is a green navigation bar with the title 'Tribal Energy Program' and a search bar. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'POPULAR LINKS' with a list of links like 'Learn about funding opportunities' and 'Get information on existing tribal energy projects'; 'FEATURES' with a list of items such as '2013 Tribal Energy Program Review' and 'New Projects Selected for Funding'; and 'EVENTS' with a list of upcoming conferences and workshops. There is also a 'SUBSCRIBE TO EMAIL UPDATES' button and a 'PRINTABLE VERSION' link.

Providing a Clearinghouse of Information

[www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy](http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy)



# Program Website

## Projects on Tribal Lands

- Project Lists by

- Tribe Name
- Award Year
- Award Type
- Technology

- Project Map (By State)

- Project Summaries

- Overview
- Scope
- Location
- Status
- Presentations
- Final Reports
- Tribal Contacts

The screenshot displays the website's navigation menu with 'PROJECTS' selected. The main content area is titled 'Projects on Tribal Lands' and includes a list of filters (By State, By Tribe, etc.), a map of the United States, and a list of projects in California. A detailed project summary is shown for the 'Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians - 2005' project, including a description, project overview table, status, and contact information.

Project Overview	
Tribes/Awardees:	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
Location:	Palm Springs, CA
Project Title:	Development of a Strategic Energy Plan
Type of Application:	First Steps
DOE Grant Number:	DE-PS36-05G015173
Project Amounts:	DOE: \$89,312 Awardee: \$15,393 Total: \$104,705
Project Status:	Completed <a href="#">More</a>
Project Period of Performance:	Start: September 2005 End: August 2006

Assuring Visibility of Tribal Projects



# “Guide to Tribal Energy Development”

## Development Process

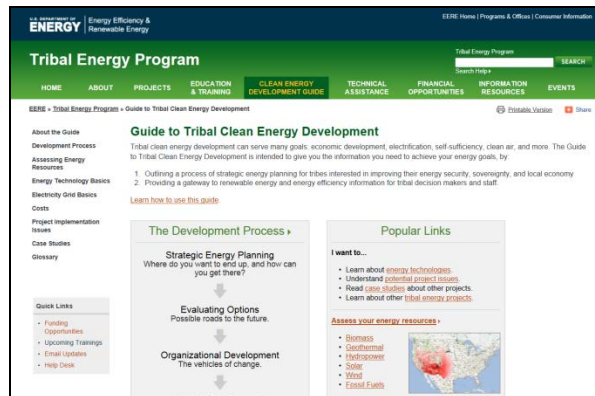
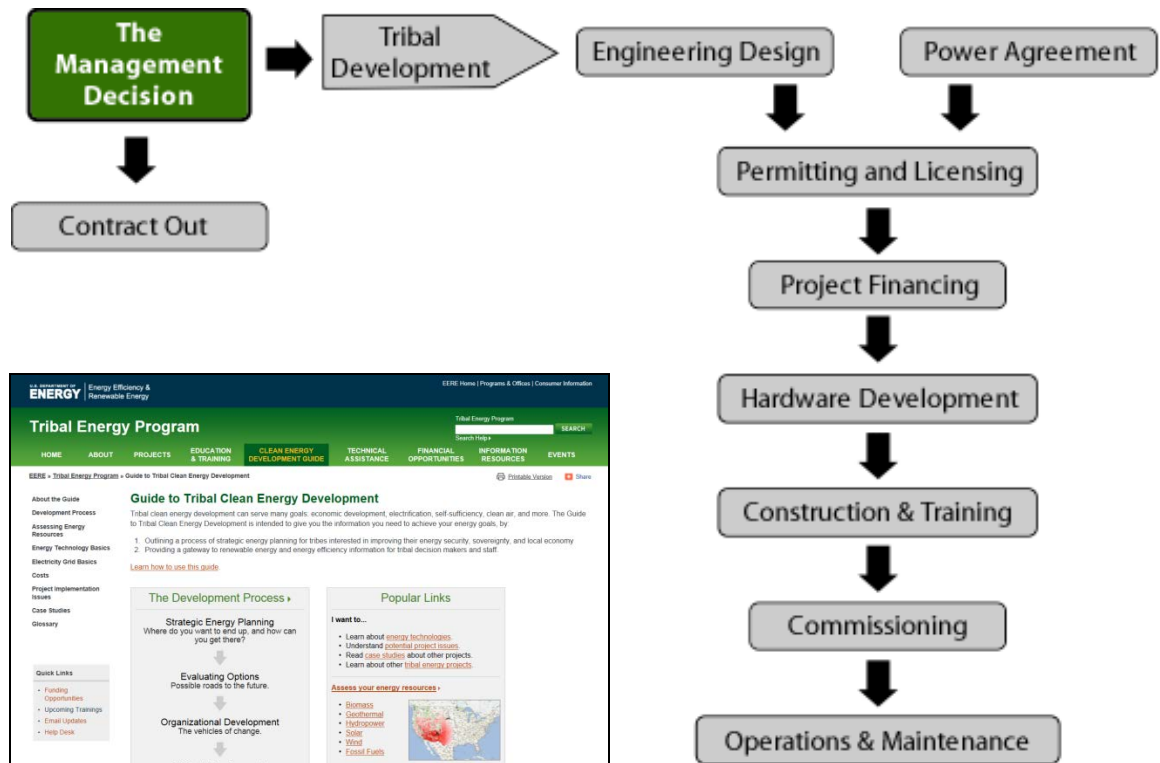
- Strategic Planning
- Options Analysis
- Organizational Development
- Project Development

## Business & Financing

- Short Courses
- Handbooks

## Resource Library

- Energy Resources
- Technologies
- Costs
- Risk Factors
- Legal Issues
- Financing Options
- Contacts



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# Other Funding Opportunities



## Funding Opportunities for Tribes ▶

- New feature on the website that highlights hundreds of millions of dollars in funding opportunities available at a glance.
- Be sure to check frequently for the most complete and up-to-date listing of funding opportunities available to state, local, and tribal governments.

### DOC Coastal Resilience Network

The Department of Commerce is supporting coastal communities to natural hazards to this announcement shall provide the natural environment, infrastructure a human or technical network in which communication, cooperation, coordination and local governments, small business and institutions of higher education.

### ANA FY14 Funding Opportunities

The Administration for Children and Families (ACYF) 2014 funding opportunities. Areas: Environmental Remediation, Language Preservation and Maintenance, Employment, and Economic Development and 60 months. All ANA community provides [training and technical assistance](#) implementation and reporting. For Children and Families [website](#).

### EPA Pollution Prevention Information

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides regional and national pollution prevention information needs. Grantees determine audience needs and then supply quality information and training on source reduction and related pollution prevention practices. Grantees provide assistance and training to businesses whose lack of information may be an impediment to implementing source reduction, preventing pollution or adopting sustainable practices. Eligible entities include state governments, federally recognized tribes, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a state, and state colleges and universities.

### EPA FY2014 Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to conduct research, or provide technical assistance to communities facing Brownfields cleanup and revitalization challenges.

- Focus areas of this announcement include:
- Technical assistance to environmental workforce development and job training grantees
- Technical assistance on the integration of environmental justice and equitable development for brownfields-

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Funding Opportunity	Close Date
<a href="#">FY14 Alaska Rural Business Enterprise Grants</a> The USDA Rural Development Office in Palmer would like to announce that it is accepting applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBE) Program for Fiscal Year 2014. Those who would like to submit an application for these funds should have their hard copy submissions in to this office by close of business on <b>April 10, 2014</b> . Emailed applications will not be accepted. The primary purpose of the RBE is to support the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000. In Alaska the Municipality of Anchorage is the only area where the population exceeds this rural limit. However, applicants based in Anchorage can still apply for funding as long as proposed activities support small business development in rural areas. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, public bodies (e.g., states, boroughs, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, authorities, and districts), and federally recognized Tribes. The small and emerging private business that derives the benefits from the applicant must have (or will have) under 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Eligible projects to be carried out by the RBE vary and can range from technical assistance workshops to specialized equipment to be leased by small business. Last year the Alaska USDA Rural Development Office supported various applicants with a wide range of projects. Some examples include energy audits for small businesses, small business development technical assistance, and agricultural technical assistance for farmers. The RBE is governed by <a href="#">RD Instruction 1942-G</a> , which outlines the selection criteria on which funding decisions are based. While applications need not address every scoring item, successful applications will satisfy as many of the priority selection criteria items as possible. Learn more about the <a href="#">RBE Program</a> or contact: J. Chad Stovall, Business & Energy Programs Specialist	04/10/14
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See Funding Opportunities on the Tribal Energy Program Website or Receive Email Notifications



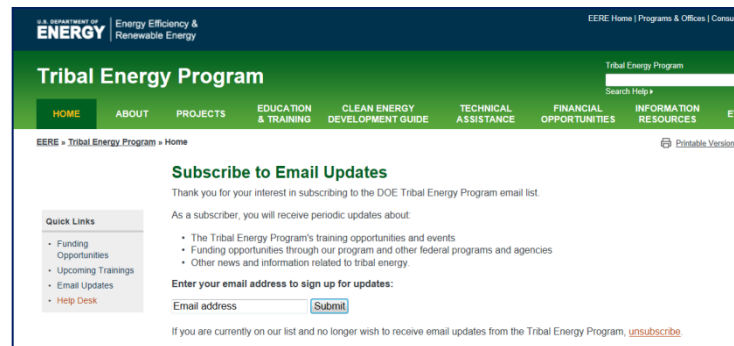
# Email Notices

## As subscribers, Tribes receive email newsletters on:

- Training opportunities and upcoming events
- Funding opportunities through our program and other federal programs and agencies
- Other news and information related to Tribal energy.

## Simple On-line Subscription

- Over 2,900 subscribers
- 100's of email notices sent each year
- Distributed through other Tribal and Agency listservs – Expanding distribution



The screenshot shows the Tribal Energy Program website's subscription page. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, PROJECTS, EDUCATION & TRAINING, CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT GUIDE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES, INFORMATION RESOURCES, and EERE. The main heading is "Subscribe to Email Updates". Below this, there is a thank you message and a list of topics subscribers will receive updates on: training opportunities and events, funding opportunities through other federal programs, and other news related to tribal energy. There is a form field for "Email address" and a "Submit" button. A "Quick Links" sidebar on the left lists: Funding Opportunities, Upcoming Trainings, Email Updates, and Help Desk. At the bottom of the form, there is a link to "unsubscribe" if the user is currently on the list and no longer wishes to receive updates.

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**Rosebud Sioux's (SD)**  
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First 750 kW Turbine on  
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Solar arrays on **Navajo** home (AZ)



Solar Installations at **Pueblo of Laguna's**  
Majors Ranch (NM)

A 6kW PV System at **SIPI's** Science and  
Technology Building (NM)



**Jicarilla Apache** Reservation PV  
array on Dulce High School (NM)



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