Establishment of an Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network

Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA)

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DOE Office of Indian Energy Annual Program Review
Agenda

• Background and Objectives
• Progress to Date
• Future Plans
MTERA

• Inter-Tribal Organization
• Formed in 2014
• Has Grown from 5 to 8 Members
• Shared Energy Goals & Values

Tribal Decision-Making & Strength in Numbers
Outreach to All Midwest Tribes
DOE Grant Funding

• Strengthen the Organization
  o Structure
  o Strategic Plan
  o Outreach
  o Education

• Develop Energy Baselines

• Perform Resource Assessments

• Complete Feasibility Studies
  o Member-Tribe Specific
  o Collective Projects
Progress to Date

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**Baseline Assessments**
- Collected Utility Data
- Organized & Analyzed Data
- Developed Baseline Report
“To empower Midwest Tribes to manage energy resources through collective action.”
Strategic Plan

Mission

Values

Goals

Collaboration

Understanding

Environmental Stewardship

Commitment

Community

Action

MTERA Core Values
Strategic Plan

Mission

1. Environmentally Responsible
2. Financially Self-Sufficient
3. Strong Organizational Structure
4. Collective Actions

Values

5. Technical Understanding of Energy Alternatives

Goals

6. Energy Leader in Midwest w/ National and Global Perspective
7. Growth in Membership and Engagement
Baseline Assessments

Objectives:
1) Develop Simple, Visual Communication
2) Lay Foundation for Energy Priorities
3) Incentivize New Member Tribes
Future Plans

Outreach

Website

Identify Projects

Meetings with Midwest Tribes

Take Action

Conferences

EMPOWERING MIDWEST TRIBES TO MANAGE ENERGY RESOURCES THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION.

TRIBAL ENERGY INITIATIVES

RVMTLV LAC
Reduced Fossil Fuel Dependence by 40%

Forest County Potawatomi Community
A Look at Tribal Energy Initiatives: Solar, Biogas, & Energy Efficiency

ENERGY Task Force to Support Renewable Opportunities on Reservations

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 9-10
SOLAR TRAINING AT INDIAN NATION INTERMEDIATE to advanced level of training. Dates are subject to change. No registration required. For more information, contact Mike Varga.

OCT. 16
ENERGY NAV + MINNEAPOLIS Sustainability by being energy- and renewable-energy projects. No site required. Send info to Mike Varga.

NOV. 13-17
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) FINANCE REFINANCING OKLAHOMA. The annual Program Review, Nov. 13-17, 2007, at the Renaissance Sheraton Hotel in Denver, CO.
Future Plans

Outreach

Identify Projects

Take Action

Pay the Utility Bills

Understand & Monitor Energy Usage, Costs, Impacts, & Opportunities

Evaluate & Prioritize Energy Projects

Invest in Energy Projects

Collaborate & Optimize

Passive

Aware

Engaged

Active

Innovative
Future Plans

Outreach

Identify Projects

Take Action

Member Tribe Projects

Collaborative Projects

Aware

Engaged

Active

Innovative
Questions?