



TRIBAL LEADER FORUM SERIES

**EXPLORING THE BUSINESS LINK OPPORTUNITY:  
TRANSMISSION & CLEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEST**

**February 7-8, 2012**

**SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN HOTEL**  
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The second in a series of planned DOE Office of Indian Energy-sponsored strategic energy development & investment forums, and co-sponsored by DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, this two day Forum will provide an opportunity for Tribal leaders and executives to: interact with industry executives and federal leaders, get up to date information on transmission development and planning activities in the West, and hear the latest in trends in recent financing of clean energy projects. This Forum will also provide a venue for Tribal leaders and executives to hear directly from, and talk directly to, each other regarding best practices in tribal project partnerships and investments.

**\*\*** There is no fee to register for the Forum, but it is important that you register by sending an e-mail with your name, contact information and e-mail address to the Office of Indian Energy at [IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov).  
Registration due by February 1, 2012**\*\***

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<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7</b>	
<b>MEETING ROOM—TBD</b>	
<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b>	<b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING REMARKS</b>  <i>Chairman, Colorado Tribe</i> <i>Tracey A. LeBeau, Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy</i> <i>Patricia Hoffman, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (invited)</i> Introductions
<b>9:00am – 9:20am</b>	<b>FEDERAL TRANSMISSION DISCUSSION: TRANSMISSION EXPANSION IN THE WEST</b>  <i>Timothy Meeks, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration (confirmed)</i> <i>Steve Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration (invited)</i>
<b>9:20am – 10:45am</b>	<b>TRANSMISSION POLICY AND REGULATION PRIMER: OVERVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITIES &amp; CURRENT POLICY TRENDS</b>
<b>10:45am – 11:00am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>TRANSMISSION &amp; RENEWABLES: NEW FEDERAL TECHNOLOGIES &amp; INTEGRATION PROGRAMS AND GREEN LINE DEVELOPMENT</b>  <b>Update on DOE Transmission Programs and Initiatives</b> <i>Representative, DOE Rapid Response Transmission Team</i>

	<p><i>Representative</i>, DOE Office of Electricity Delivery &amp; Energy Reliability (OE)</p> <p><b>FERC Update: Cost Recovery and Other Transmission Financing Trends and Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Trends in Transmission Development: Green Lines</b></p> <p>Transmission companies executives will discuss investment and business opportunities related to transmission, and provide status updates of their proposed high voltage transmission projects.</p>
<b>12:00pm – 1:15pm</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>1:15pm – 3:00pm</b>	<p><b>TRIBE CASE STUDIES: INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES OF TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY &amp; TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Tribal and development partner principals will discuss their respective joint ventures, successful transmission interconnection experiences as well as transmission development and ownership partnerships.</p>
<b>3:00pm – 3:20pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:20pm – 5:00pm</b>	<p><b>CLEAN ENERGY PURCHASING &amp; RPS STATUS UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>DOE National Renewable Energy Lab</b></p> <p>An executive summary of Western States’ Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), Compliance Status and Tribal Energy Resource Areas of Highest Potential</p> <p><i>Representative</i>, DOE Office of Indian Energy START Program, NREL</p> <p><b>UTILITY PURCHASER UPDATES</b></p> <p>Utility executives will discuss their current renewable energy commitments, current market trends and status of renewable portfolio standards in their respective markets.</p>
<b>5:00pm – 5:30pm</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL PURCHASING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES</b></p> <p>Updates on DOE’s EPCAct 2005 Tribal Energy Purchasing Guidance and Discussion of Minority Energy Procurement Opportunities</p> <p><i>Pilar Thomas</i>, Deputy Director, DOE Office of Indian Energy</p>
<b>5:30pm – 6:45pm</b>	<b>DAY ONE CONCLUSION</b>
<b>5:45pm – 7:00pm</b>	<b>RECEPTION (TBD)</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b> <b>MEETING ROOM—TBD</b>	
<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>
<b>9:00am – 10:15am</b>	<p><b>FINANCING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IN INDIAN COUNTRY</b></p> <p><b>Tribal Economic Development Bonding – Update</b></p> <p><b>New Markets Tax Credits &amp; Other Infrastructure Finance Tools &amp;</b></p>

	<p align="center"><b>Strategies for Tribes – Update</b></p> <p><i>Steve McSloy, Partner, SNR Denton</i></p> <p align="center"><b>USDA RUS Program – Update</b></p>
<b>10:15am – 12:00pm</b>	<p><b>FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY</b></p> <p>DOE Office of Indian Energy’s Renewable Financing in Indian Country Primer  Bob Springer, Project Development Program &amp; DOE Office of Indian Energy START Team,, NREL  Representative, Reznick</p>
<b>12:00pm – 1:15pm</b>	<b>LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)</b>
<b>1:15pm – 2:45pm</b>	<p><b>NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRANSMISSION EXPANSION PLANNING</b></p> <p>Regional Transmission Expansion Planning (RTEP) Program Updates &amp; Transmission-Energy-Water Nexus Status Update</p> <p><b>Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC)</b></p> <p>RTEP Status Update  <i>Byron Woertz, WECC</i>  <i>Tribal Representative, RTEP Committees Member</i></p> <p><b>Eastern Interconnection Planning Collaborative (EIPC)</b></p> <p>RTEP Status Update  <i>Representative, EIPC</i></p> <p><b>Western Governors’ Association (WGA)</b></p> <p>WGA’s Status Update on the RTEP’s Water/Energy Nexus Analysis and Work</p>
<b>2:45pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:00pm – 4:30pm</b>	<p><b>CLOSED SESSION—TRIBAL LEADERS AND TRIBAL EXECUTIVES</b></p> <p>This session is dedicated to providing an open forum for Tribal leaders and executives to exchange stories and ideas to better promote and facilitate efforts, on all levels, related to transmission and clean energy development and investment.</p>
<b>4:30pm – 4:45pm</b>	<b>CONCLUSION &amp; WRAP-UP</b>