README: MERITCOIN Proof-of-Work Integration with FLIP Policy Brief

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Document Linked:
- *"The FLIP: A Policy Brief for a Cybernetic Economy"* (July 2025)

Purpose of MERITCOIN
MERITCOIN is the principal unit of value in the ERES Bio-Ecologic Economy. It reflects measurable **Merit x Investment ± Awards**, and is applied to guide resource allocation, personal development, and institutional planning. Built on the UBIMIA formula, MERITCOIN operates within a feedback-driven ecosystem of tax policy, civic education, and equitable access.

The FLIP Contribution to MERITCOIN

The FLIP (Freeing Life through Intelligent Planning) introduces: - A policy framework for enabling **relatively free education, healthcare, and legal access** - Dynamic allocation systems rooted in **AI-optimized resource use taxes** - Integration of ERES stack: **UBIMIA, GERP, GAIA, PERC/BERC/JERC, EarnedPath Curriculum** - Emphasis on **real-time feedback loops** for merit recognition and awards

By defining access and opportunity as civic returns, FLIP operationalizes MERITCOIN distribution through: - Smart merit-based fees - Behavioral incentives - Remediation tracking - Multi-generational economic stewardship

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MERITCOIN as Infrastructure MERITCOIN does not replace currency, but functions as a: - **Semantic Layer** over economic interactions - **Feedback Tool** for policy efficacy - **Rewards Ledger** for sustainable behavior and civic excellence

FLIP outlines how tax systems based on **extraction and use** can feed directly into MERITCOIN infrastructure. GAIA and GERP serve as actuaries and allocators, ensuring that energy and ecological balance are mirrored in economic flows.

Next Steps for Policy Engagement - Use FLIP as briefing tool for stakeholders (e.g., University of Arkansas, Walton College, State Policy Labs) - Simulate MERITCOIN flows using EarnedPath inputs and biometric resonance data - Propose a pilot in Arkansas to test FLIP-MERITCOIN integration via Smart Zones

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