Fort Peck Tribes "First Steps Towards Renewable Energy Development"



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Project Overview

- Requested the "First Steps" grant to complete:
 - 1. Strategic Energy Plan
 - 2. Energy Options Analysis
- Long-term objective is to responsibly develop the Tribes' energy resources
- Use the "SEP" and "EOA" as the first step in meeting this objective

Project Location

The project is located in the NE corner of MT



Tribal HQ: Poplar, MT

Reservation Info:

- Population: ~20,000
- Size: ~2 million acres
- Schools:
 - FPCC, multiple public school districts
- Industry:
 - ASTI, ASD, West Electronics, agriculture

Project Background

- Over the past 3 years there have been numerous unsolicited Tribal energy development proposals
- Tribes would like better control over their energy development opportunities
- "First Steps" grant is an excellent method of doing this

"We see the First Steps grant opportunity as a means of getting our goals and strategies in place and moving forward developing these strategies on our own terms—thus promoting 'self-determination'"

Project Participants

- Fort Peck Tribes Economic Development Department
 - Mr. Eric Bruguier: Chairman of the FPTEDD and the grant's Principle Investigator
- Subcontractor:
 - Power Procurement Group
 - Energy consulting firm that has assisted the Tribes in the past
 - Responsible for all project deliverables

Project Activities

- Two key activities, in two distinct phases:
 - "Strategic Energy Planning"—PHASE I
 - "Energy Options Analysis"—PHASE II
- SEP: build upon previous energy resource evaluations and situational analyses work completed in the past by PPG and others
- EOA: build upon the SEP process

PHASE I: Strategic Energy Planning

- Provide a solid foundation for future energy development on the Reservation
- Four basic elements:
 - 1. Develop an "Energy Vision Statement"
 - 2. Develop strategic objectives and goals
 - 3. Conduct a preliminary assessment of available energy resource options
 - 4. Create an "Energy Implementation Plan"
- Schedule: Months 1 to 3

PHASE II: Energy Options Analysis

- Evaluate renewable and fossil energy options identified in SEP in greater detail
- Five basic elements:
 - 1. Document Tribal energy resources
 - 2. Produce energy production estimates
 - 3. Identify likely sales agreements
 - 4. Create a "Tribal Energy Deployment Strategy"
 - Build an effective "Tribal Energy Solicitation Process"
- Schedule: Months 4 to 12

Requested Technical Support

 At this time, the Tribes are not requesting any technical support

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QUESTIONS?

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