

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

*DOE's Tribal Energy Program*



*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Review*

May 4, 2015  
Lizana Pierce, Project Manager



# Purpose

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



As authorized in Title V of the Energy Policy Act (EPAct) and in cooperation with DOE's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, the Tribal Energy Program provides financial and technical assistance to Tribes to develop their renewable energy resources and reduce their energy consumption.



# Mission

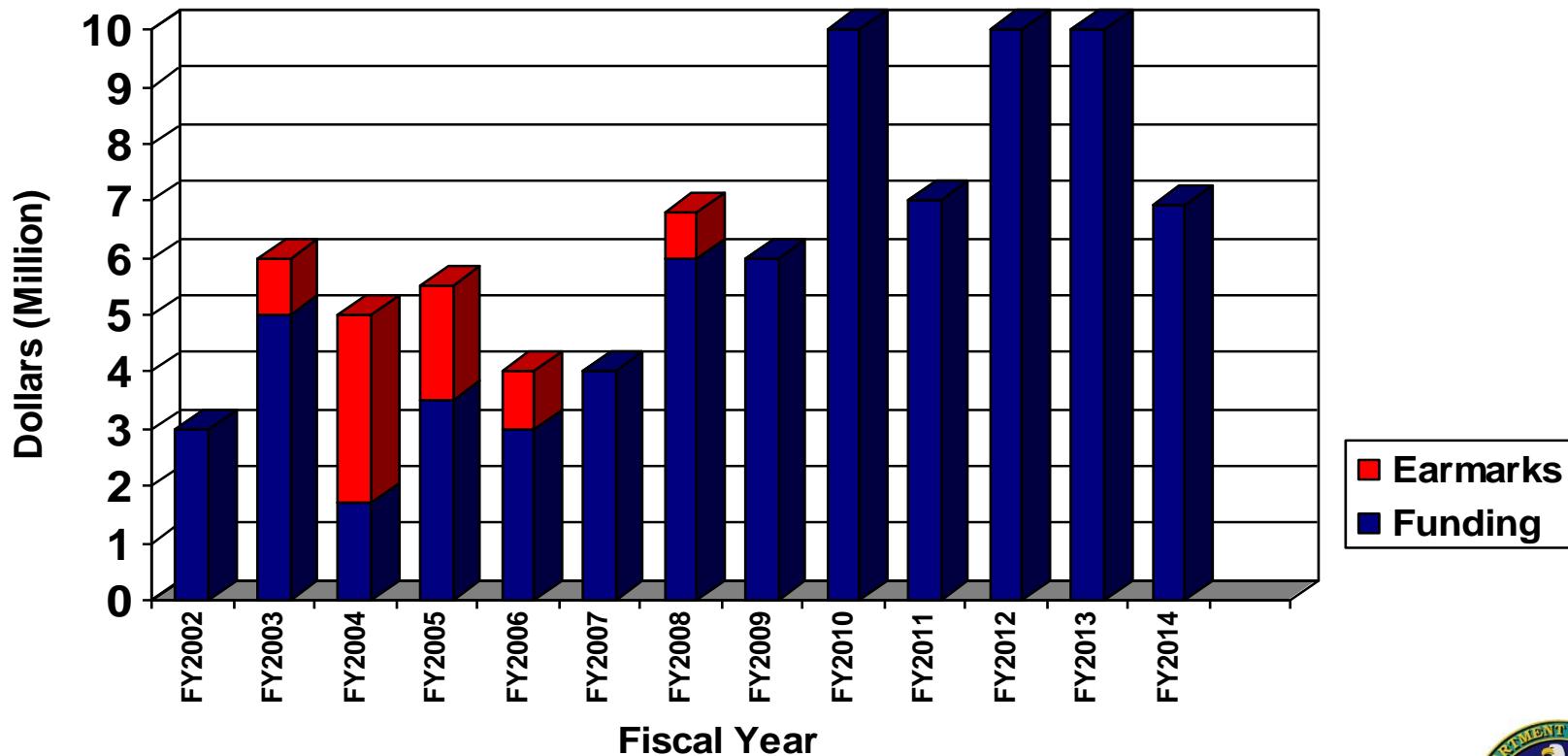


***Offering financial and technical assistance to Tribes through government-to-government partnerships that:***

- 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



*Averaged ~\$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	\$0.0

**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



# Transition

- Per the EPACT 2005, the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (or 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.
- 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.
- The President’s FY2015 budget requested, and the appropriation bill approved, that the Tribal Energy Program and activities be consolidated into the Office of Indian Energy in Fiscal Year 2015.
- Activities associated with the Tribal Energy Program are being transferred now. Shortly, all tribal specific funding and technical assistance will be exclusively through the Office of Indian Energy.
- Both offices are working collaboratively for a smooth transition.



# Three Pronged Approach

Financial  
Assistance

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# Providing Financial Assistance

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

**Eligibility Applicants:**

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

“**Tribal Organizations**” or “**Inter-tribal Organizations**” may apply on behalf of an Indian Tribe, provided evidence of authority from the eligible Indian Tribe is provided.

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



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**“Tribal Organization,”** means any legally established organization of an Indian Tribe, which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by the recognized governing body of that Indian Tribe.

A **“Tribal Organization”** may include, but is not limited to, a subsidiary, subdivision, or instrumentality of an Indian Tribe, established under Congressional, State or Tribal law to act on behalf of an Indian Tribe.

Applications may be submitted by an authorized **“Tribal Organization”**, provided evidence of the authority to submit an Application, relative to the proposed project, is supplied as part of the Application. Evidence may include, but is not limited to, a constitution, resolution, ordinance, executive order, charter or other legal documentation. EERE will determine the sufficiency of the authorization based on the evidence submitted as part of an Application for funding.

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**“Inter-Tribal Organizations”** may include, but are not limited to, inter-tribal councils, regional tribal organizations or associations, and tribal federations.

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# Providing Financial Assistance



**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 (ANCSA) (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); **Lands held in fee simple (owned), under a long-term (20 years) Federal land lease; and Land held under the provisions of ANSCA and subsequently conveyed to either a Native village or Tribal government or held, invested and managed for and on behalf of a Native village or Tribal governmental entity.**

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



# Competitive Process (2002-2015)

## Accomplishments \*

- **18 Funding Opportunities Announcements issued**
- **Total of 658 applications accepted** (valued at \$364 million)
- **86% of all meritorious applications funded** (Total of 195 of 228)
- **Funded 30% of all applications received** (DOE average is ~5 to 10%)
- **Funded 129 Different Tribes** (22.8% of all 566 Tribes)

\* Including the 11 pending awards.



# FY2014 Financial Assistance

## Financial Assistance to Spur Deployment in Indian Country

**Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects on Indian Lands (DE-FOA-0001021)**

- **Topic Area 1: Install clean energy and energy efficiency retrofit projects for tribal buildings**
  - Facility-scale
  - 15% of single energy source displaced
  - 10 kW minimum for clean energy systems only
- **Topic Area 2: Deploy clean energy systems on a community-scale**
  - Community-scale
  - 20% of all energy sources
  - 50 kW minimum



Solar arrays on home on the Navajo Nation

**See Tribal Energy Program website for copies of past Funding Opportunity Announcements and Join Email List for Future Notifications**



# DOE Announced March 18, 2015

## Eleven Tribal Energy Projects Selected for Award

### **ENERGY.GOV**

Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

EERE News

MARCH 18, 2015

### Energy Department Selects 11 Tribal Communities to Deploy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technologies

The U.S. Department of Energy announced today that 11 tribal communities will receive nearly \$6 million to accelerate the implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies on tribal lands.

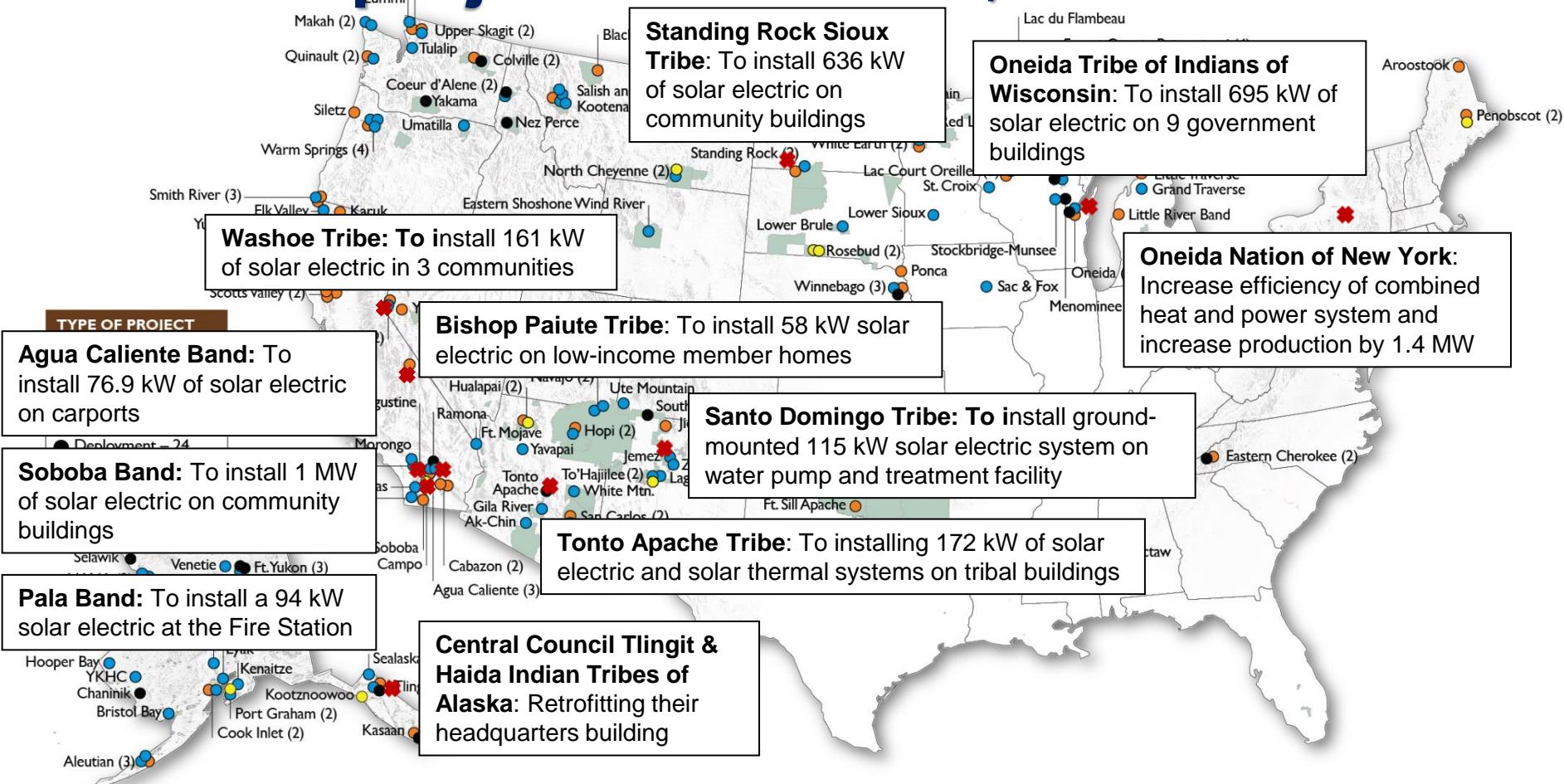
As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to partner with Tribal Nations, these projects provide Indian Tribes and Alaska Native villages clean energy options that will reduce fossil fuel use and save money. With tribal renewable energy resources comprising approximately five percent of all U.S. renewable energy resources, these facility- and community-scale projects support national energy goals to strengthen tribal energy self-sufficiency, create jobs and further economic development.

[Full story](#)



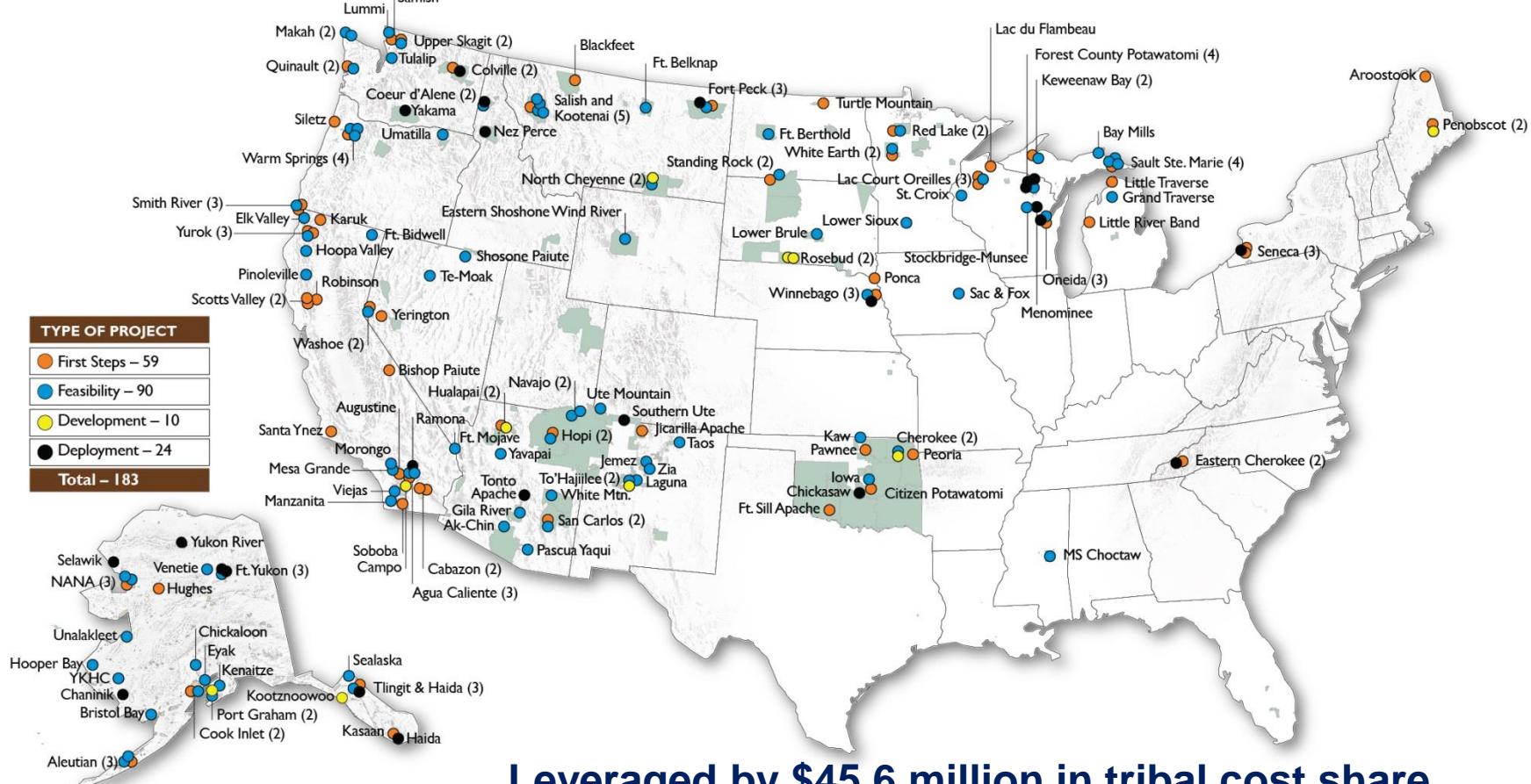
## Tribal Energy Program

# Awards pending for eleven tribal energy projects valued at \$6 million



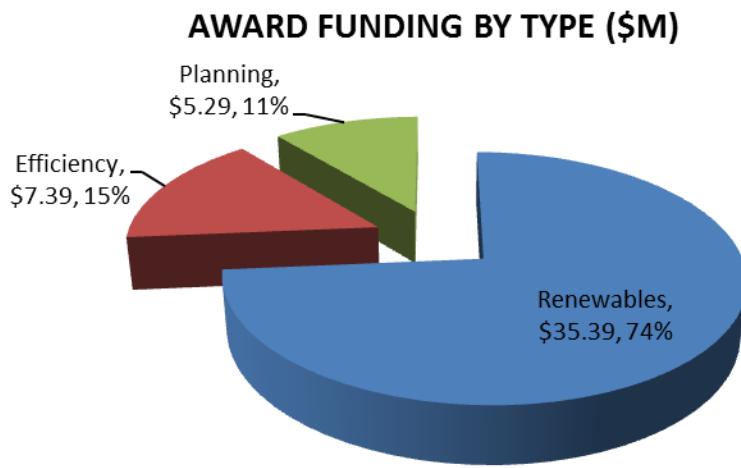
**Tribal Energy Program**

# DOE has Invested \$48 Million in 183 Tribal Energy Projects (2002-2014)

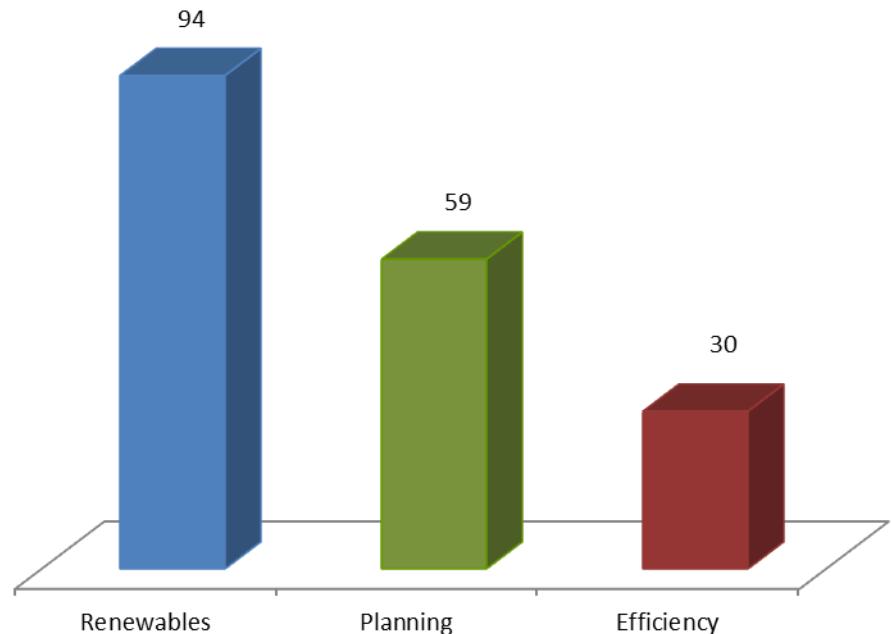


# Tribal Energy Project Pipeline

DOE'S Investment of \$48 Million in 183 Tribal Energy Projects (2002-2014)



*Investment in Tribal Clean  
Energy*

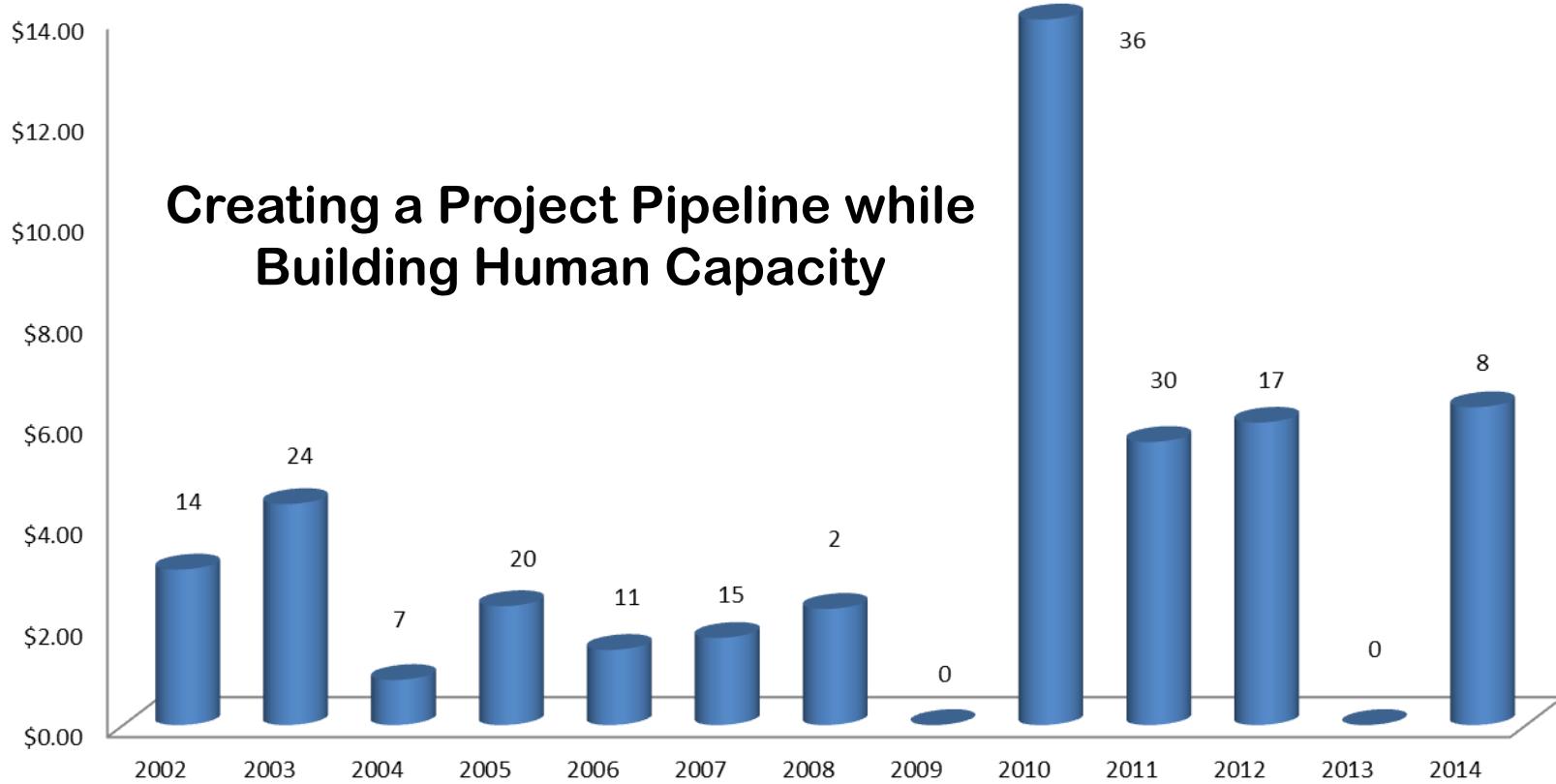


**Funded 22.8% of All Tribes (2002-2014)**



**Tribal Energy Program**

# Tribal Energy Project Funding



\* FY2009 and FY2013 funds carried forward and used the next year to make awards.

## Investment in Tribal Energy Sufficiency

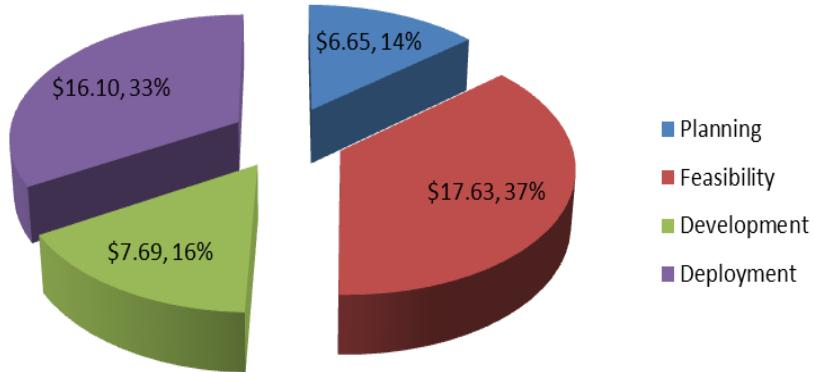


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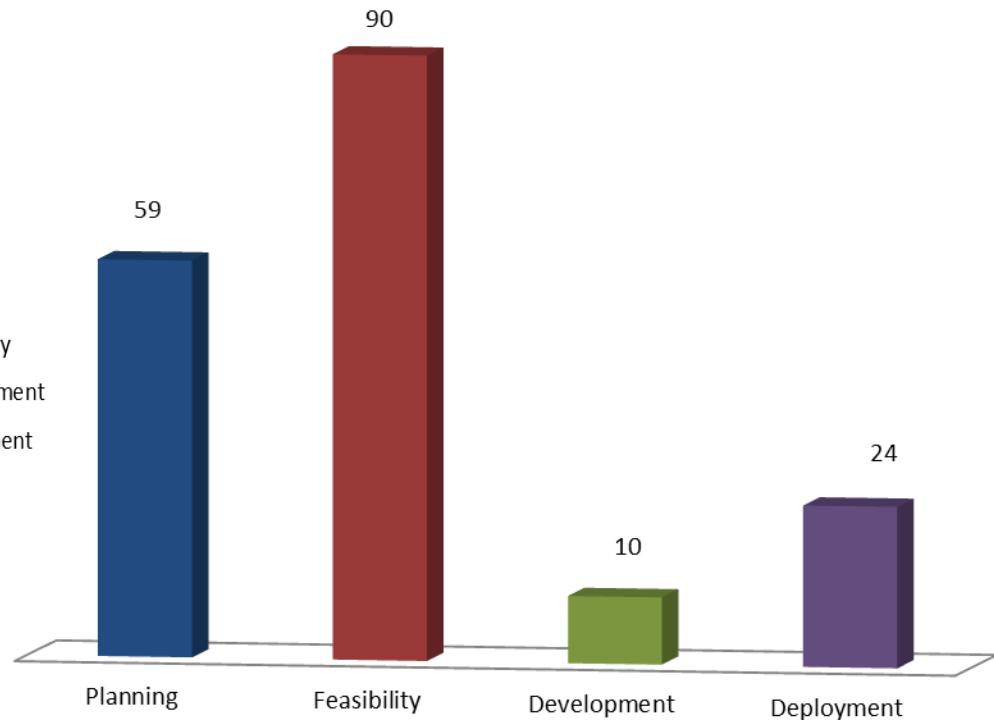
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DOE Investment (\$M) by Award Type



*Clean Energy Projects in  
Various Stages of  
Development*



*Assisting Tribes Fulfill Their Energy Vision*



# Project Accomplishments

## Return on DOE's \$48 Million Investment

- Retrofitted 70 tribal buildings (representing more than 1.8 million square feet), saving tribes more than 10 million kilowatt-hours of energy and \$2.5 million per year
- Completed energy audits on more than 250 tribal buildings
- Helped move more than 580 megawatts of potential new renewable energy generation into development
- Supported tribes in assessing the potential for more than 4 gigawatts of new renewable energy generation
- Over 170 tribal members trained as part of these tribal energy projects

Leveraged by \$45.6 million in tribal cost share



# Project Accomplishments

## *Renewable Energy Deployment in Indian Country*



### **Renewable Energy Deployment Projects**

**Ramona Band (CA)**  
Renewable Powered  
Eco-tourism Project



**Tonto Apache Tribe**  
Solar photovoltaic  
systems installed on  
their government  
buildings (AZ)



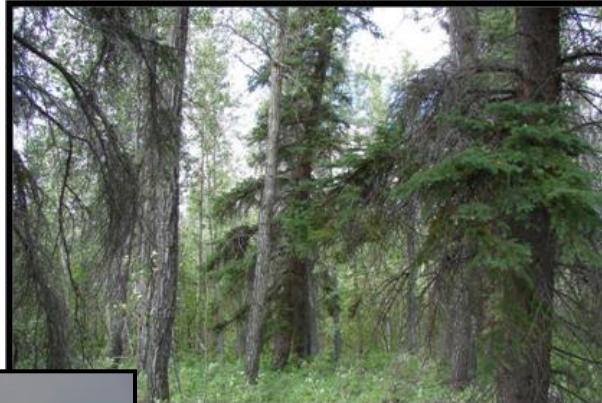
# Project Accomplishments

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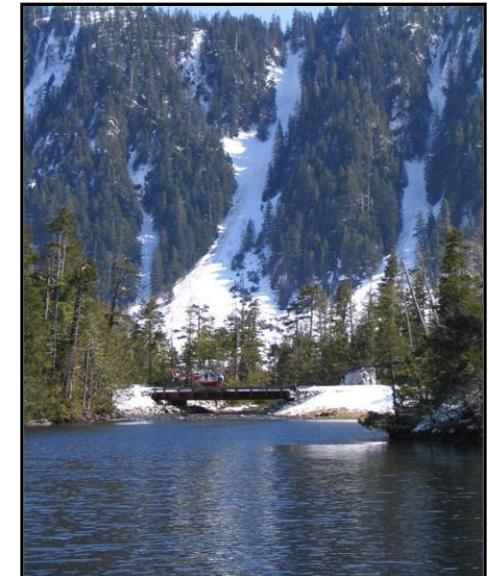
### Renewable Energy Deployment Projects (Continued)



**Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes**  
installed two 50 kW wind turbines on the Fort Peck Reservation (MT)



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



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



# Project Accomplishments

## *Renewable Energy Deployment in Indian Country*

### Renewable Energy Deployment Projects



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



**Chanik Wind Group** (AK) reduced the consumption of fossil fuel by 30% at the power plant and reduced heating fuel use by 30% in tribal homes in three Lower Kuskokwim Alaska villages.

The project installed 78 electric thermal storage (ETS) units and controls in order to use excess wind energy to heat homes.

It was estimated that the average homeowner consumes 766 gallons of heating fuel at a cost of over \$6.24 per gallon (2013). At a 30% reduction, this means savings of \$111,850 per year.



# Project Accomplishments

## *Deployment to Save Energy for the Future*

### Building Retrofit (Deployment) Projects



Lighting upgrades could save the **Chickasaw Nation (OK)** \$180,000 per year



**Forest County Potawatomi Community** installed 1,664 new LED lights for a 54% reduction in energy use (WI)



**Forest County Potawatomi Community** retrofitted Wunder Hall, a historic building on Concordia Campus (WI)



# Project Accomplishments

## *Deployment to Save Energy for the Future*

### Building Retrofit (Deployment) Projects



**Nez Perce Tribe** (ID) installed windows, insulation, and efficient lighting in 5 tribal buildings (54,312 square feet total) including the Water Resources Office and PiNeeWaus Gym shown below.

Retrofits estimated to reduce energy use by 35% and save \$13,800 per year.

Project completed in alignment with the Tribe's Strategic Energy Plan which was developed with Technical Assistance from the Tribal Energy Program.



# Project Accomplishments

## *Deployment to Save Energy for the Future*

### Building Retrofit (Deployment) Projects (Continued)

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (Selawik, AK) will upgrade sanitation facilities



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



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



# Project Accomplishments

## *Renewable Energy Development*

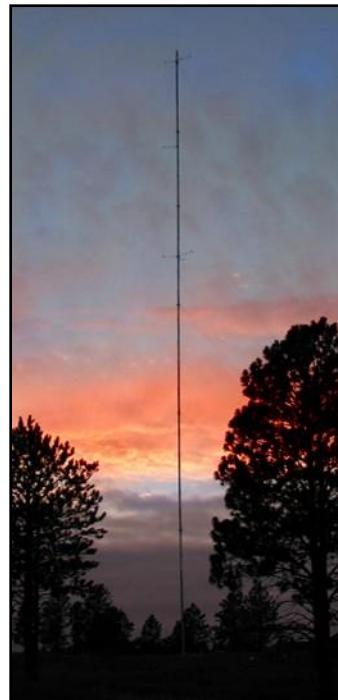
### Renewable Energy Development Projects



**Campo Band's** Wind Farm  
DOE funding Phase II  
(160 MW)



**Northern Cheyenne Tribe**  
completed wind feasibility  
study and began pursuing  
wind 30MW wind farm  
(anemometer at sunset, MT)



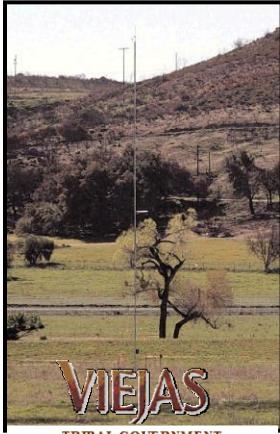
**Rosebud Sioux's** (SD) Little Soldier  
Turbine - Pursuing a 30 MW and 190  
MW Wind Farm



# Project Accomplishments

## *Assessing Indigenous Resources*

### Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Projects



Viejas Tribal Government  
Tribal Utility and Wind Study (CA)



Pueblo of Jemez Geothermal Feasibility Study (NM)



Kaw Nation  
Wind Resource Assessment (OK)



Makah Indian Nation  
Wind Feasibility Study (WA)



Three Affiliated Tribes Wind Feasibility Study (ND)



St. Croix Chippewa Biomass Study (WI)

# Project Accomplishments

## *Assessing Indigenous Resources*

### **Energy Efficiency Feasibility Studies (Energy Audits)**



**Sault Ste Marie's Tribal Health Clinic and Community Center, one of 45 buildings which will have energy audits (MI)**

**Oneida Nation's Housing Authority**  
will conduct energy audits on 44 buildings (WI)

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



# Project Accomplishments

## *Planning for the Energy Future*

### "First Steps" Grants

- Human capacity grants,
- Strategic Energy planning,
- Energy organization development, and
- Energy options (pre-feasibility)



**Seneca Nation**  
conducted strategic energy planning (NY)



**Cabazon Band of**  
Mission Indians  
Energy Plan (CA)



**San Carlos Apache**  
conducting an energy options analysis (AZ)

**Earth Lover**

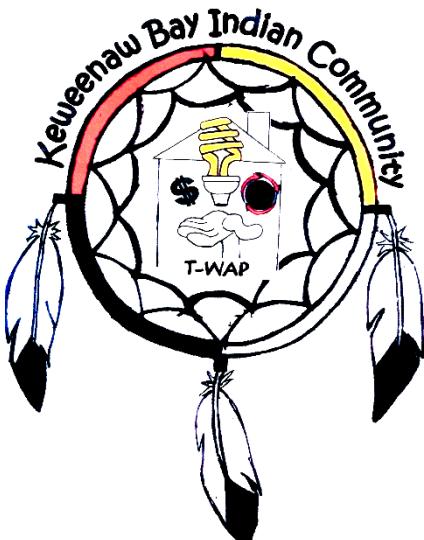
**Ponca Tribe**  
conducting an energy analysis and conducting community awareness under their "Project Earth Lover" Campaign (NE)



# Building Local Skills and Knowledge

*Over 170 Tribal Members Trained*

**Keweenaw Indian Community** trained members in weatherization: 9 energy auditors; 8 envelop professionals; and 38 air sealing insulation installers. Logo contest winner shown above.



**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.



**Scotts Valley Band** partnered with 12 Tribes in Lake and Mendocino Counties to build local capacity through education and training. Twenty-three members trained and 3 hired by the Tribes.

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# Providing Technical Assistance

## Types of Technical Assistance

### 1) Strategic Energy Planning

Consists of an on-site workshop

### 2) Project Development Support

Consists of expert guidance and analysis that helps address specific barriers Tribes face while developing a clean energy project.



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



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



Sandia  
National  
Laboratories

# Technical Assistance Requests for Tribes

- Offered within available resources
- The application process is a quick and easy on-line process
- The value of technical assistance for Tribes is typically limited to 40 hours and may include, but is not limited to, renewable energy technology information, renewable resource information, energy efficiency techniques, project support, system performance modeling, policy information, design review, special studies, strategic energy planning, pre-feasibility transmission studies, and training.

 U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	
<b>DOE's Tribal Energy Program</b>	
REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	
First & Last Name	
Tribe/Affiliation	
Title	
Address 1	
Address 2	State/Province
City	Zip Code
Phone	Fax
E-mail	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF REQUESTED ASSISTANCE</b> (Typically limited to 40 hours)	
Describe the technical scope of activities requested:	
Identify the timeline of needed assistance, if applicable:	
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>	
Provide background on your reservation (i.e., location and size), renewable energy resources, existing projects, and past efforts:	

Return form to Lizana Pierce via e-mail at [lizana.pierce@doe.gov](mailto:lizana.pierce@doe.gov) or facsimile at (303) 275-4753

**Complete Request Form On-line at the Tribal Energy Program Website**



# Technical Assistance

On-site workshop designed to assist tribal leaders and tribal staff in understanding their resources, identifying their options, and developing a viable road map to successful completion of the project.

- 1) St. Regis Housing Authority (January 2015)
- 2) Bear River Rancheria (October 2014)
- 3) Yankton Sioux Tribe (February 2014)
- 4) Delaware Tribe (September 2013)
- 5) Menominee Tribe (August 2013)
- 6) Klamath Tribes (July 2013)
- 7) Crow Creek Housing Authority (March 2013)
- 8) Fort Belknap Indian Community (June 2012)

**Additional Thirty-five (35) Strategic Energy Planning Sessions  
2006-2011**

## Strategic Energy Planning



# Technical Assistance

## Project Development Support

**Project development support consists of expert guidance and analysis that helps address specific barriers tribes face while developing a clean energy project.**

### Examples of project development technical assistance include:

- Third-party independent reviews of transmission studies, financing structures, lease agreements, project reports, etc.
- Objective advice grounded in research and real-world experience on technologies
- Modeling and analysis (or assistance in using available modeling/analysis tools)
- Pre-feasibility transmission studies
- Interconnection agreement facilitation
- Economic evaluations
- System design reviews
- Other specific studies or analysis, upon request



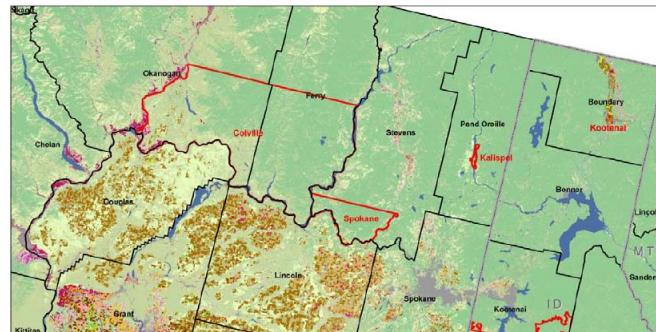
### Summary of Colorado Solar Garden Programs and Projects



### Oilseed Crop Inventory for the Spokane Indian Tribe

Report prepared by Anelia Milbrandt, NREL  
October 15, 2012

The Spokane Indian Tribe is located in eastern Washington State. The majority of the tribe's land is covered by evergreen forest with some pasture and shrubland (Figure 1). Cropland areas are located south and west of the tribe, illustrated by the mosaic pattern on the map. Various grains, legumes and orchards are grown in the area, as well as oilseeds.





# Technical Assistance

## Pre-feasibility Transmission Studies

- 1) Moapa Band of Paiutes (June 2009)
- 2) Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe (Sept 2009)
- 3) Navajo Hopi Land Commission (May 2010)
- 4) Hualapai Tribe (July 2010)
- 5) Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (Feb 2011)
- 6) Chemehuevi Tribe (May 2013)
- 7) San Carlos Apache (May 2013)
- 8) Ione Band (November 2013)
- 9) San Ildefonso Pueblo (November 2013)
- 10) Nez Perce Tribe (December 2013)
- 11) Oglala Sioux (June 2014)
- 12) Turtle Mountain Band (September 2014)
- 13) Mesa Grande Band (October 2014)
- 14) Saginaw Chippewa (November 2014)

Assessment of Electric Power Service Options, Including  
Solar Applications, for the Moapa Travel Center

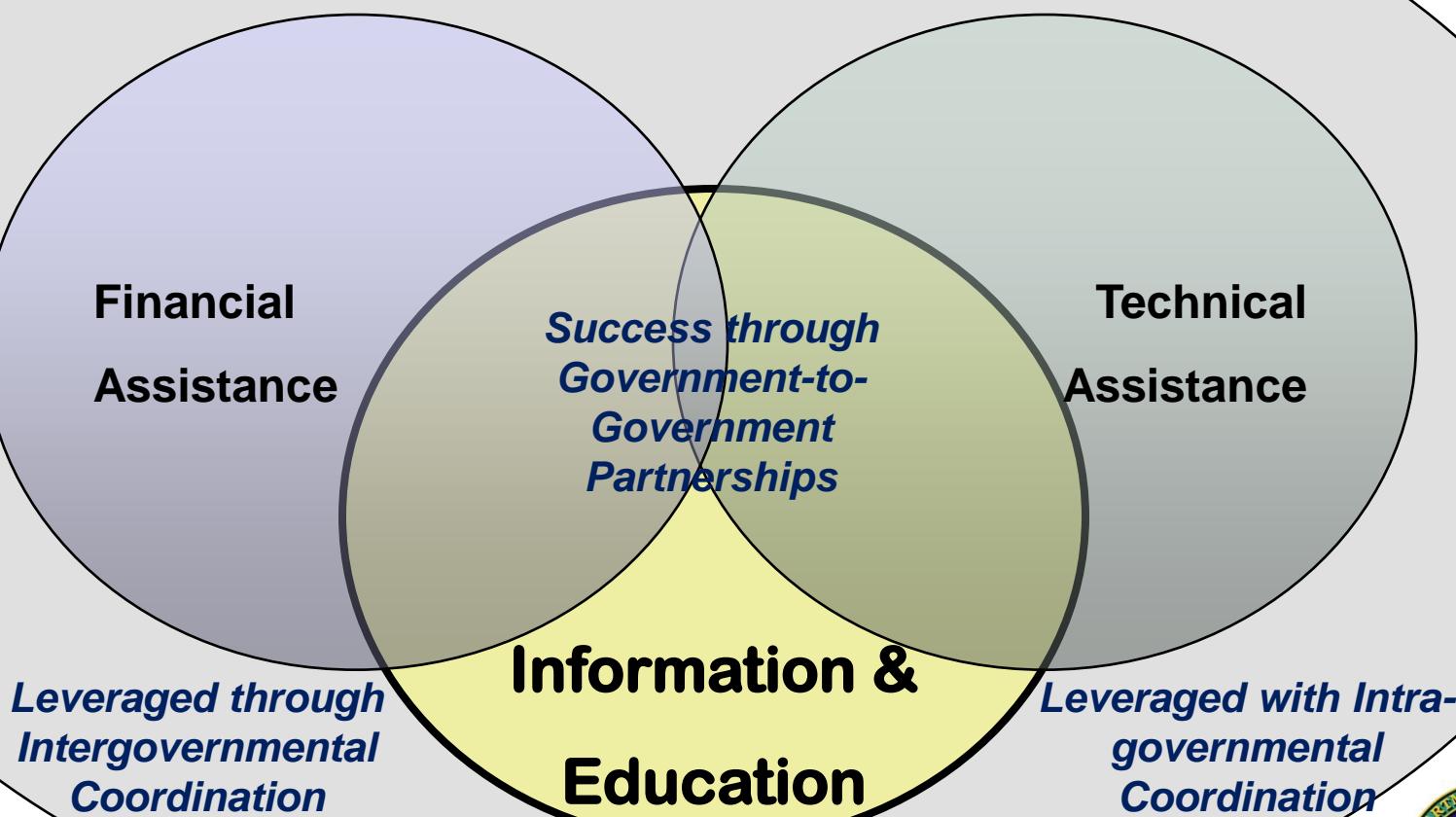
Pre-Feasibility Assessment of Renewable Generation  
Applications,  
for NHCLO Paragon Ranch Solar

Pre-Feasibility Assessment of Renewable Generation  
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### SAN ILDEFONSO PUEBLO

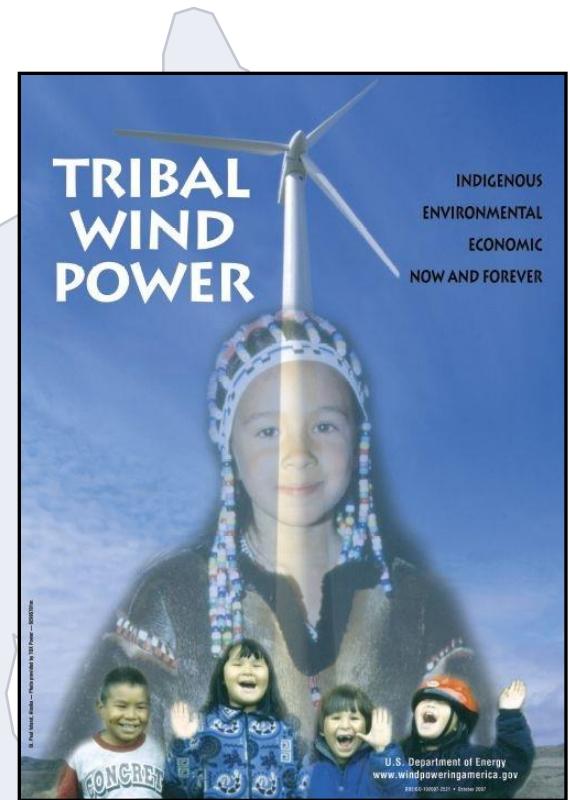


# Three Pronged Approach



# 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)



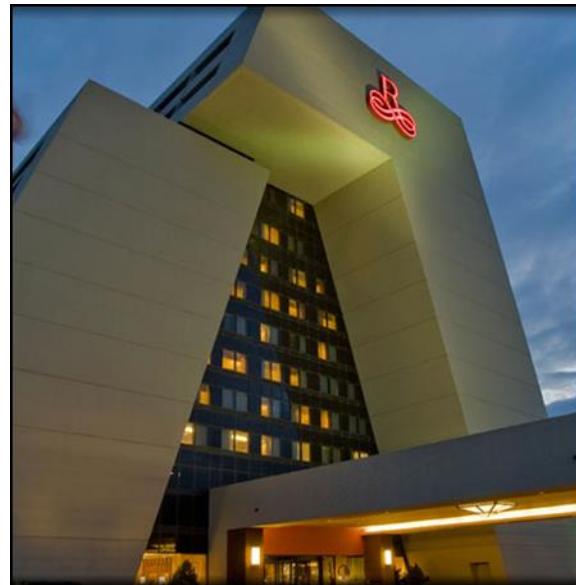
***Building Human Capacity in Indian Country***



# 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 participants



# 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-nine (29) interns sponsored by EERE 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)



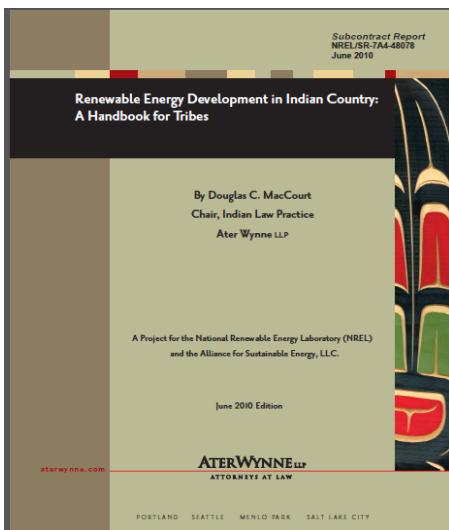
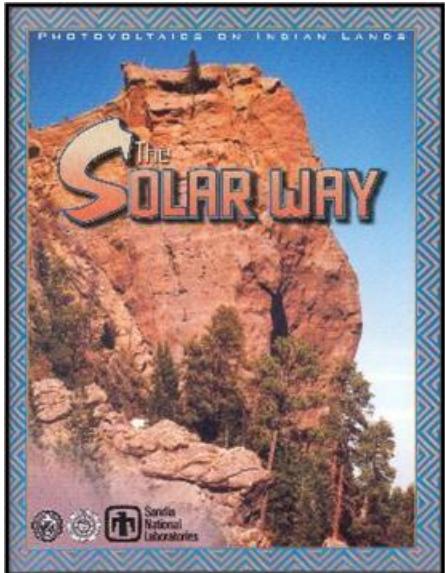
Deborah Tewa (certified electrician & solar installer) at Sandia's PV Laboratory (2002)





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## Tribal Energy Program



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[EPA ENERGY STAR Webcast: Portfolio Manager Office Hours, Focus Topic: Responding to a Data Request](#) • April 23 2015

[USDA Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Webinar for Tribes](#) • April 23 2015

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**Project Development**

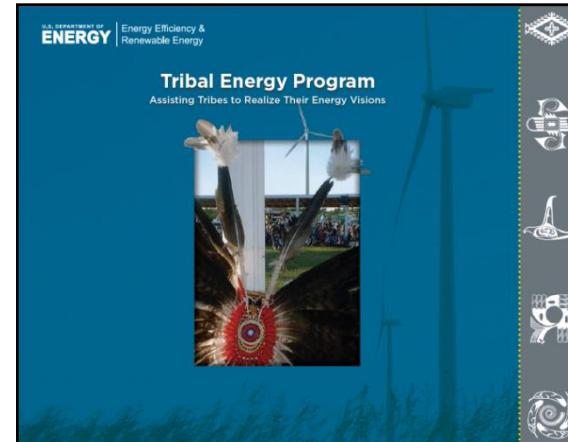
With a strategic plan in hand, knowing your tribe's viable energy options, and having chosen your preferred institutional arrangements, it is then possible to formulate an action plan, raise funding, and move forward with specific projects that contribute to your tribal energy sufficiency goals.

Before actually committing 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 lots of unanswered questions. For the preferred options, conducting a good feasibility assessment will provide a list of interesting options down to the possible options, along with a full range of information needed to move forward. The user can then select the best option and develop a detailed project description.

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 [post the complete process](#).

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**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  
Bonneville Power Administration  
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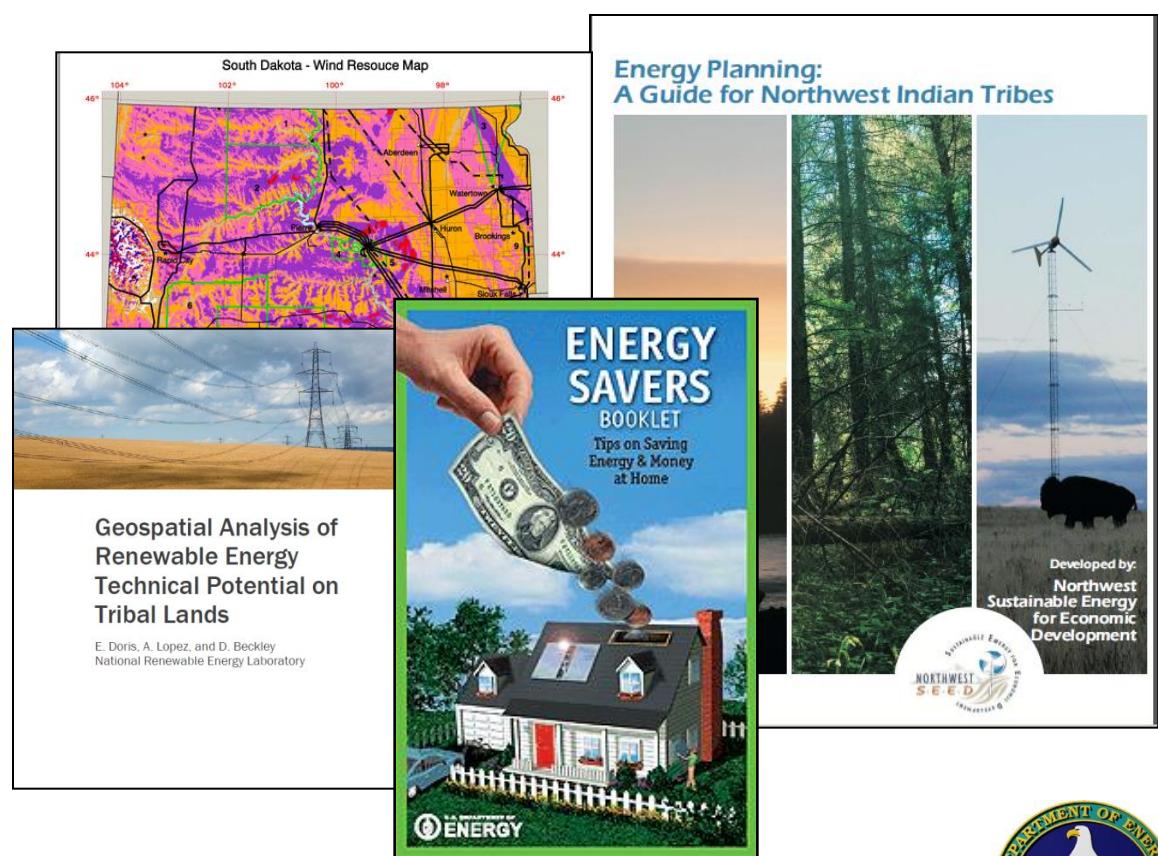
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## Handbooks & Guides

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- A Handbook: Renewable Energy in Indian Country

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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](#).

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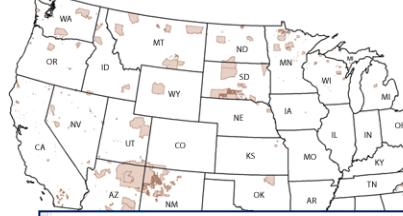
**Projects on Tribal Lands**

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands, and demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands.

To see a list of tribal energy projects [by state](#), select a state on the map below.

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- [Technology](#)
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- [Award type](#) (feasibility study, demonstration project, etc.)

Each project has a detailed description that includes a tribal contact for more information.



**Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians - 2005 Project**

**Project Description**

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will establish a comprehensive energy strategic plan that captures economic and environmental benefits while continuing to respect tribal cultural practices and traditions. Their goal is to understand their current and future energy needs and how they can develop a strategic energy plan, including an action plan to clearly identify the energy options for the tribe. The project is anticipated to have a positive impact on the tribe; to help grow underutilized energy efficiency; to establish partnerships with energy stakeholders, including electric and natural gas suppliers; and position the tribe to be influential with regional energy development.

**Project Status**

The project is complete. For details, see the final report ([PDF 490 KB](#)) The October 2005 ([PDF 213 KB](#)) and October 2006 ([PDF 3.0 MB](#)) presentations provide additional information. [Download Adobe Reader](#).

**Project Contact**

Todd Hooks (760.883.1350)

**Project Overview**

Tribe/Awardee:	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-PS36-05GG15173			
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		

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- [Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians](#) 2006
- [Bishop Paiute Tribe](#) 2010
- [Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians](#) 2011
- [Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians](#) 2003
- [Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians](#) 2010
- [Chumash Indians, Santa Ynez Band](#) 2011
- [Elk Valley Rancheria](#) 2010
- [Fort Bidwell Indian Community](#) 2005
- [Fort Mojave Indian Tribe](#) 2003
- [Hoopa Valley Tribe](#) 2006
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- [Hoopa Valley Tribe](#) 1994
- [Karuk Tribe of California](#) 2007
- [Luiseno Indians, Soboba Band](#) of 2011
- [Manzanita Band of Mission Indians](#) 2002
- [Manzanita Band of Mission Indians](#) 1999
- [Manzanita Band of Mission Indians](#) 1995
- [Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians](#) 2004
- [Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians - Southwest Tribal Energy Program](#) 2006
- [Pomo Nation](#) 2007
- [Pomo Nation, Cahuilla Mission Indians](#) 2002
- [Redwood Valley Cahuilla Mission Indians](#) 1999
- [Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians](#) 2007
- [Riley Band of Pomo Indians](#) 2010
- [Riley Band of Pomo Indians](#) 2006
- [Riley Band of Pomo Indians](#) 2005
- [Riley Band of Pomo Indians](#) 2003
- [Redwood Valley Cahuilla Mission Indians](#) 2003
- [Redwood Valley Cahuilla Mission Indians](#) 2007
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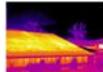
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### Tribal Energy Program Success Stories

Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages have leveraged Tribal Energy Program funding and technical assistance to implement a variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on tribal lands. Their success stories are highlighted below.

#### Nez Perce Tribe Energy-Efficient Facilities Upgrade



Utilizing \$67,000 of EERE's Tribal Energy Program funding, energy-efficiency upgrades were installed in five Nez Perce Reservation buildings that house a large portion of the Nez Perce Tribe's governing entities. [Read the full story.](#)

#### Clean Energy Projects Helping Wisconsin Tribe Achieve Sustainability Goals



Several clean energy projects are helping the Forest County Potawatomi Community in Milwaukee achieve its mission of preserving the environment for future generations. The projects feature multiple energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and are part of the Forest County Potawatomi Community's project Greenfire, which ultimately aims to eliminate the tribe's carbon footprint and provide carbon-free energy to others in the region. [Read the full story.](#)

#### Learn More

Read about other tribal energy [projects](#).

View presentations from the annual [Tribal Energy Program Review](#), which features project status updates from Tribal Energy Program grantees.

## Celebrating Tribal Successes

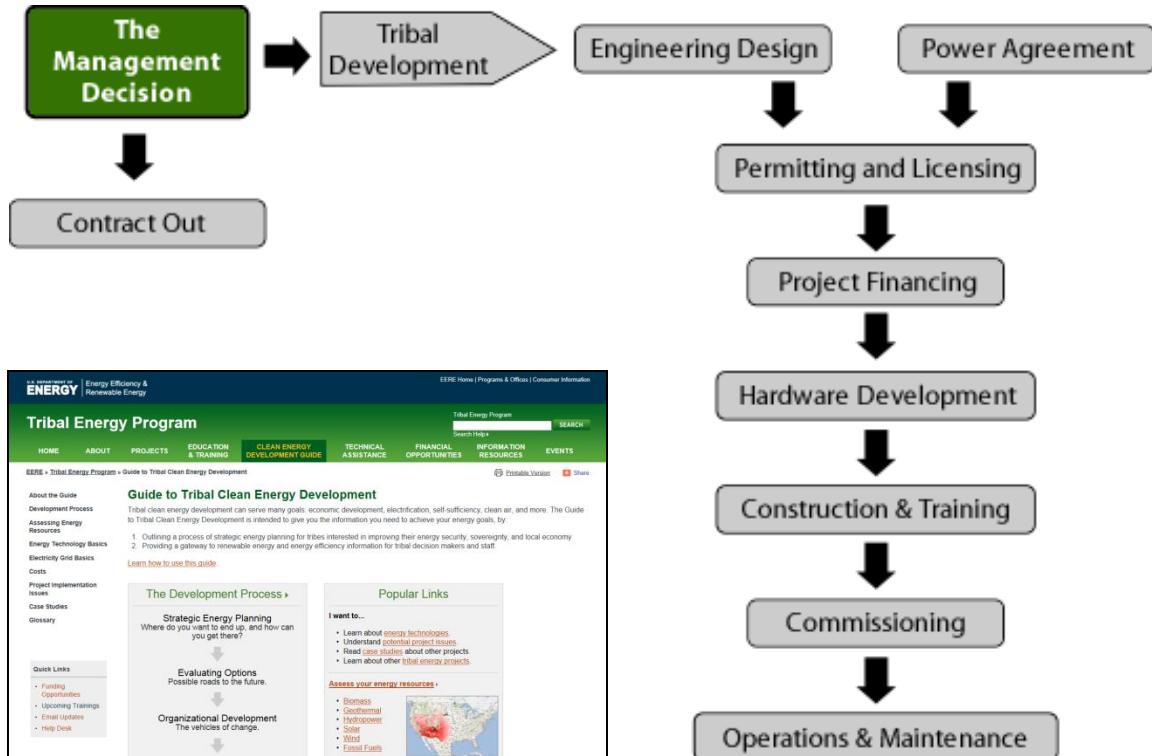


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Majors Ranch (NM)

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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