Welcome to the 2015 National Tribal Energy Summit: A Path to Economic Sovereignty.

The U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs is proud to participate in this national event to bring tribal leaders together with representatives from federal agencies, state governments, private industry, utilities, and academia to exchange ideas and explore new and permanent solutions to our combined challenges.

In Indian Country there is a guiding principle that resonates among tribal leaders, and that is to be forward thinking in our decisions and actions today. What we plan and do today will have significant impact on future generations to come. Sovereignty depends on it. Now is the time to build partnerships that help our country, our Native communities, and our future. The Office of Indian Energy and its staff are here to serve.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Thank you,

Chris Deschene

Director
U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Be part of the conversation on Twitter #NCSLtribal
Registration
7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration Desk

Breakfast
7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Regency Foyer

Indian County Energy and Infrastructure Working Group (ICEIWG) Meeting (Invitation Only)
8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Regency C

State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) Tribal Leader Dialogue (Invitation Only)
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Regency B

National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL) (Invitation Only)
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Olympic
The National Caucus of Native American Legislators will assemble to discuss energy issues affecting tribal interests in their states.
Del. Talmadge Branch, Maryland, NCNASL Chair Rep. Kevin Killer, South Dakota

Working Groups Lunch
12:30 – 2 p.m. Regency Foyer

Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group (NETWG) Meeting (Invitation Only)
2 - 5:30 p.m. Regency D

Secretary of Energy’s Financing Roundtable
2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Regency C
A special session with experts from the private sector, government and Tribes will explore the financial aspects of energy projects and infrastructure.

Special Fossil Energy Roundtable (Invitation Only)
2:30 – 5:30 p.m. Regency B
DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy and Indian Energy will meet with Tribes that have fossil energy resources on a government-to-government basis to discuss strengthening their federal-tribal relationship and increasing the value of their resources. Key areas to be explored include technology development, investment, creating and sustaining a business environment for successful energy partnerships.
Registration
6 - 8 p.m.  National Museum of the American Indian
4th St. & Independence Ave, SW

Opening Reception
6:30 – 9 p.m.  National Museum of the American Indian

Thursday, Sept. 24

Registration
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Registration Desk

Breakfast
7:45 – 9 a.m.  Regency Foyer/Regency Ballroom
  Master of Ceremonies: Gary Davis, president and CEO, NCAIED

Posting of the Colors: Native American Women Warriors Color Guard
8:30 – 9 a.m.  Regency Ballroom
  Invocation: James Trosper

Exhibit Open
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Regency Foyer

Plenary Session: Tribal Energy Summit: Focusing on Key Energy Priorities
9 – 9:15 a.m.  Regency Ballroom
  Opening Remarks: Chris Deschene, director, DOE Office of Indian Energy
  Policy and Programs

Tribal Leaders/Intertribal Professional Panel
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.  Regency Ballroom
The Office of Indian Energy (IE) has issued a Request for Information (RFI) soliciting feedback from tribal leaders on issues and optimal structures for a new nationwide Intertribal collaboration focused on energy issues facing tribes, including Alaska Natives. IE plans to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement in 2016 for the Intertribal effort. Tribal energy professionals will discuss past, present, and future intertribal organization roles, including tribal leaders from the Indian Country Energy & Infrastructure Working Group.
  Moderator: Chris Deschene, director, DOE Office of Indian Energy
  Policy and Programs
  Speakers: Direlle Calica, The Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians
  Mark Fox, chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
  Sonny Adams, director of energy, NANA Regional Corporation
  Jana Ganion, director of energy, Blue Lake Rancheria

Networking Break
10:30 - 10:45 a.m.  Regency Foyer
Arctic Opportunities for Indian Country
10:45 a.m. – Noon  Regency Ballroom
The Arctic is at the forefront of international innovation in climate assessment and response to vulnerabilities, effective response to rising energy costs for electricity, heating and transportation, energy efficient housing and infrastructure. Learn from Alaska and federal officials and how the Arctic can help Indian Country tackle these critical issues.
Moderator: Mark E. Davis, senior advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary, DOE
Givey Kochanowski, Alaska program manager, U.S. DOE Office of Indian Energy
Jacqueline Qataliña Schaeffer, project specialist, Energy, WH Pacific, Inc.

Plenary Luncheon: U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz
Noon - 1:15 p.m.  Regency Ballroom
This will be a plenary session with Cabinet members from the Energy Subgroup of the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) where a focus question will be increasing access to capital for the tribal energy sector of the economy.
Tribal Leader Moderator: Chris Deschene, director, DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs
Speaker: Ernest Moniz, U.S. Secretary of Energy

Exhibit Space Networking Break and Dessert
1:15 - 2 p.m.  Regency and Columbia Foyers

Federal Energy Procurement Networking Session
2 - 5 p.m.  Columbia A
Tribes and federal agency procurement specialists from DOE and others will be available to answer questions and help guide participants through the procurement process.
Participants: George Williams, program manager, American Indian Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Concurrent Track Sessions  2 - 5:30 p.m.
Track 2: Science & Technology: Infrastructure, Research Priorities, Technology to Market
Track 3: Economy/Regulation: Community Development, Project Development, Access to Capital
Track 4: Jobs and Workforce Opportunity in Energy

Track 1 Session 1: National Assessments and Tribal Actions
2 - 3 p.m.  Regency B
Assessing tribal energy resources and creating effective plans to use clean energy are ways tribes are effectively managing increasing pressure from drought, wildfires, extreme weather and other changing conditions in Indian Country. Learn innovative approaches for tribes to assess their interests, protect their resources and affect change in climate protection.
Moderator: Jana Ganion, energy director, Blue Lake Rancheria
Speakers: Deborah Jordan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation - Clean Power Plan
Jeff Crawford, attorney general, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Wisconsin
Track 2 Session 1: Transition to a Clean Energy Economy
2 - 3 p.m.  Regency D
Tribal lands are home to innovation in deployment of clean energy technology. Learn how Indian Country can identify common goals around increased energy innovation and gain access to greater efficiency, new markets and economic improvement on tribal lands and environmental protection.

Moderator: Karen Wayland, deputy director, DOE Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPDS)
Speakers: Kathie Brossemer, energy program manager, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe
Matt McGovern, senior adviser, U.S. DOE Quadrennial Energy Review
Quadrennial Technology Review

Track 3 Session 1: Navigating the Federal Tribal Energy Partnership
2 - 3 p.m.  Concord/Lexington/Bunker Hill
Targeted support and collaboration with tribes are enabling the federal government to translate Indian energy policy goals into a set of integrated actions. Leaders in the federal tribal energy partnership will share successes in fostering cooperation, communication and building better communities.

Moderator: Kevin Washburn, assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior (Invited)
Speakers: David Archambault, Jr., chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Letty Belin, senior adviser, U.S. Office of the Deputy Secretary Department of the Interior
Chris Deschene, director, U.S. DOE Office of Indian Energy

Track 4 Session 1: Energy Workforce Initiatives
2 - 3 p.m.  Regency C
This session will highlight best practices for working with industry to create training partnerships that advance Native American participation in community college, certificate programs, and labor unions that support employment opportunities in the energy industry in Indian Country. Learn how training institutes have partnered with industry to develop training curriculum in high-demand energy-related jobs.

Moderator: LaDoris (Dot) Harris, director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity
Speakers: Natasha Campbell, senior advisor, DOE
Randy Pacheco, dean, School of Energy, San Juan College
Dave Williams, CEO, Missouri River Resources
Tim Willink, director of Tribal Programs, Grid Alternatives
Monica Martinez-Archuleta, Los Alamos National Laboratory
Respondent: Representative Paulette Jordan, State of Idaho

Networking Break
3 - 3:15 p.m.  Regency Foyer

Track 1 Session 2: Intertribal Network Coordination and Action
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  Regency B
Intertribal relationships are key to support the energy development capacity building among tribes and on tribal lands. This session will bring tribal leaders together to explore the essential ingredients to a successful, national intertribal effort under development by
the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs. 

**Moderator:** Susan Masten, vice-chair, Yurok Tribe  
**Speakers:** Maria Dadgar, executive director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona  
Jerry Pardilla, director, Office of Environmental Resource Management, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.  
Direlle Calica, energy policy analyst, The Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians  
Colby Duren, staff attorney, National Congress of American Indians  

**Track 2 Session 2: Tribal Access to Transmission and Distributed Energy Opportunities**  
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  

*Regency D*  
Transmission is essential to successful electricity projects in Indian Country, including federal hydro-power allocations and understanding how to get clean energy to market. This panel will also explore micro-grids, distributed energy generation and storage and their potential implications on tribal resiliency and grid autonomy.  

**Moderator:** Tracey LeBeau, senior vice president and program manager, Transmission Infrastructure Program, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)  
**Speakers:** Mark Gabriel, administrator, Western Area Power Administration  
David Palumbo, deputy regional director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Dan Ton, program manager, U.S. DOE Office of Energy Delivery and Energy Reliability  
Michael Pesin, deputy assistant secretary, U.S. DOE Office of Energy Delivery and Energy Reliability  

**Track 3 Session 2: Capital Markets in the Energy Sector; Capital Attraction, Retention and Growth in Indian Country**  
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  

*Concord/Lexington/Bunker Hill*  
Project finance, taxation, and access to capital are critical for all phases of tribal energy. From the basics to innovations and trends, experts will share alternatives for increasing access to capital and highlight the results from the Secretary of Energy’s Financing Roundtable on Sept. 23.  

**Moderator:** Will Micklin, 1st vice-president, Tlingit-Haida Nation  
**Speakers:** Vince Logan, U.S. Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Mark McCall, executive director, U.S. DOE Loan Programs Office  
Bruce Valdez, executive director, Southern Ute Growth Fund  
Steve Manydeeds, division chief, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development  

**Track 4 Session 2: Hydropower: A New Era of Tribal Ownership and Operation**  
3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  

*Regency C*  
Tribal lands and water resources were appropriated throughout the last century to develop much of the nation’s hydropower system, often over the objection of the impacted tribes. Many of those tribes are now negotiating to become owners and operators of these critical energy assets and obtaining significant revenue settlements by protecting water, fish and wildlife habitat, providing jobs and needed revenues for tribal members, and continuing to generate electricity and irrigation for local communities. Case studies from the leaders in tribal hydropower and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will explore the successes, opportunities and challenges in hydropower generation.  

**Moderator:** Douglas MacCourt, senior policy advisor, DOE Office of Indian
Energy Policy and Programs

**Speakers:** Brian Lipscomb, CEO, Energy Keepers, LLC
Jim Manion, general manager of Warm Springs Power, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Elizabeth Molloy, tribal liaison, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Jodi Mitchell, CEO and general manager, Inside Passage Electric Coop

**Track 1 Session 3: Partnerships in Government-to-Government Consultation**
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
*Regency B*

The special relationship between tribes and the federal government is rooted in tribal sovereignty, tribal law and culture, and the U.S. Constitution. Early and meaningful consultation for tribal energy projects takes place at many levels that impact site activities and energy projects. Hear examples of how increased collaboration between federal agencies and tribes is helping to ensure that cultural, natural and other tribal resources are respected and protected.

**Moderator:** Butch Blazer, deputy under secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Speakers:** Doug Shoop, deputy manager, DOE Richland Operations Office
Julie Smith, electricity policy analyst, DOE Office of Electricity and Energy Reliability
Bobby Gonzalez, U.S. tribal liaison, TransCanada

**Track 2 Session 3: Tech Transfers**
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
*Regency D*

Tribal leaders are seeking funding through set-asides in small business innovation research (SBIR) and technology transfer initiatives. Many tribes have ideal communities for testing new technologies and micro-grid controls, and have asked DOE to consider tribal communities for potential testing sites. This session will examine how federal agencies manage technology programs and provide lessons learned.

**Moderator:** Senator John McCoy, State of Washington

**Speakers:** Steve McMaster, deputy secretary, U.S. DOE Office of Technology Transitions
Sandra Begay-Campbell, principal member of the technical staff, Sandia National Laboratories
Thomas Healy, CEO and founder, Hyllion

**Track 3 Session 3: Tribal Utilities: Serving the Needs of Tribal Communities**
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
*Concord/Lexington/Bunker Hill*

Tribal communities seek new ways to expand service to tribal lands and homes, provide more cost effective service to tribal electricity customers, and take advantage of legal, commercial, and governmental incentives for tribal enterprises. Tribal utilities can capture these benefits with the goals of improving electricity transmission and distribution services and increasing sovereignty over this essential function of tribal government.

**Moderator:** Sarai Geary, program manager, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

**Speakers:** Walter W. Haase, general manager, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority
Margie Schaff, consultant, Kanim Associates, LLC
Track 4 Session 4: Housing, Efficiency and Other Opportunities in an Expanding Energy Market
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.  Regency C
Explore leveraging federal agency efforts to improve energy efficiency, infrastructure and cold climate design while putting tribal members to work in the process.
Moderator: Lizana Pierce, project manager, DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs
Speakers: Craig Moore, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA), Alaska
David Pelunis-Messier, energy manager, Tanana Chiefs Council
Charlie Opferman, Forest County Potawatomi, Wisconsin

Friday, Sept. 25

Registration
7 - 11 a.m.  Registration Desk

Breakfast
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.  Regency Foyer

Concurrent Sessions 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Track 1: Energy Policy: Strategic Initiatives, Energy Policy Issues, Emerging Opportunities  Columbia A
Track 2: Science & Technology: Infrastructure, Research Priorities, Technology to Market  Columbia B
Track 3: Economy/Regulation: Community Development, Project Development, Access to Capital  Concord/Lexington/Bunker Hill
Track 4: Jobs and Workforce Opportunity in Energy  Capitol Room
These sessions will focus on the commitments and goals identified during the previous Track/session discussions. Conference staff will work with speakers from each session to prepare a summary of the key issues and recommendations.

Track Summaries 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.  Regency A
Four representatives from each conference track will summarize the key findings and recommendations to the secretary for the coming year. The closing plenary then will highlight successes of recent years in meeting DOE’s commitments to a strong energy future for Indian Country.

Closing Plenary Session: Senior Administration Officials 11:30 a.m. - Noon  Regency A

2015 National Tribal Energy Summit Adjourned