

# National Tribal Energy Summit

## Track # 1 Key Themes

### **Track 1 - Energy Policy: Strategic Initiatives, Energy Policy Issues, Emerging Opportunities**

1. Tribal strategic planning for energy projects is critical and involves technical expertise, funding, and the education and involvement of tribal leaders.
2. Tribes are working to reach the various goals such as energy independence, being carbon neutral, and addressing the impacts of climate change.
3. There is a need in Indian Country for coordination, communication, and organization focused energy issues among tribes and regional tribal organizations. A national organization could address this need. The current efforts should have a sharper focus and more clarity.
4. The continued importance of the federal trust responsibility, government-to-government consultation, and early and often meetings and communication with tribal nations



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### **Funding and Financing**

- **Loan guarantee program (\$100 M)**
- **Grants**
- **Capacity building at the tribal level**
- **Extend tribal useable tax credits for renewable energy**
- **Explore grant in lieu of tax credit program (similar to 1603)**
- **Reassess the Universal Services Fund**

### **IE Reauthorization and Appropriations**

- **Increase capacity of IE office (\$100 M budget appropriation and 25 staff)**



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### **Intertribal Coordination**

- **National Strategy**
- **Tribal concurrence (government to government consultation)**

### **Federal Coordination**

- **Outreach to more Tribes**
- **Federal MOU**

### **STEM Education**

### **Arctic Energy**

- **Holistic Approach**

### **Climate Action Policy**



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### **Announcement:**

DOE Office of Indian Energy will host an Intertribal Leader Forum in San Diego on October 18 prior the NCAI's conference.

Please keep a look out for registration information.



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