



# USDA Rural Development Programs for

National Tribal Energy Summit





# Rural Energy for America Program

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Rural Development  
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**Rural Energy for America  
Program  
Energy Audits**

**Southeast Conference  
Juneau, Alaska**

**\$96,000 Award**

To conduct Energy Audits

Sitka Tribe Tannery received an energy audit to evaluate a project that is projected to save \$1,028/year.





**Rural Energy for America  
Program  
Energy Efficiency  
Improvement Grant**

**SAC and FOX NATION  
RESERVE, KS**

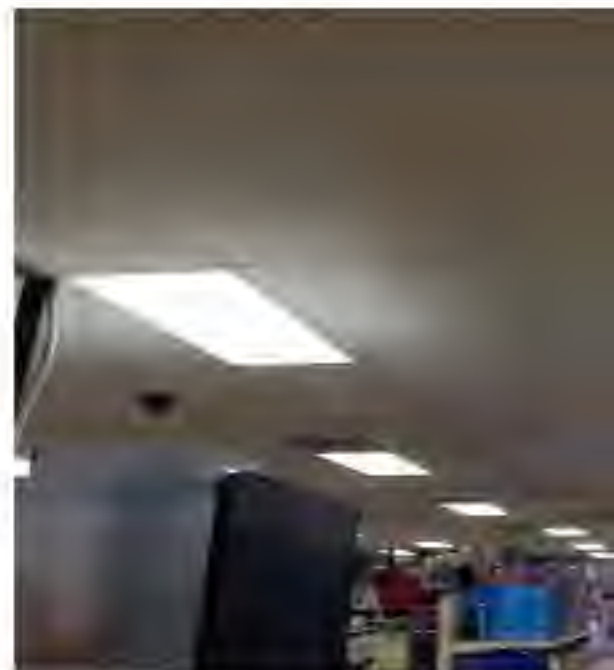
**Trading Post and Truck Stop**

**\$6,458 Grant**

**Total Project Costs \$28,500**

**To install energy efficient  
lighting**

**Saving 51,000 kWh**



**Rural Energy for America  
Program**

**Energy Efficiency  
Improvement Grant**

**WHITE BUFFALO FOODS,  
INC  
FORT YATES, ND**

**\$42,281 Grant**

**Total Project Costs \$169,000**

To install energy efficient  
refrigeration, freezers, and LED  
lighting.

**Saving 63,400 KWH**



# For More Information on REAP

The screenshot shows the USDA Rural Development website. The main heading is "Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants". Below this, there are links for "Program IDL Forms & Resources", "Program Status: Open", "Federal Register Notice: PDF", and "Program Fact Sheet: PDF". A red circle highlights the "Program Contact" section, which contains the text: "Please contact your State Rural Development Energy Coordinator for more information on this program." Below this, there are sections for "Program Highlights" and "Related Programs".

[www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)

State Rural Development Energy Coordinator

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# Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Administration SD

## Geothermal Energy Project

- \$31.2 Million CF Loan
- Dedicated in September 2013
- Consolidated over 20 public service Tribal departments, programs and agencies
- Included geothermal heating and cooling system – estimated to save \$200k - \$300k annually in combined energy costs



# Picuris Pueblo Fire Station - NM

## Solar Energy Project

- \$100,000 CF loan and \$50,000 CF Grant
- Dedicated in 2015
- Runs 100% on Renewable Energy - NetZero
- Repurposed a 1920's school building
- Serves the smallest pueblo of the 19 in New Mexico





# Community Facilities Resources

## Rural Development Fact Sheets:

Brief Summaries of RD Programs

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/publications/fact-sheets>

## Rural Development State Offices:

Contact Information for Offices in your State

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>

## CF Disaster Grants:

Grants for areas with a recent Presidentially Declared Disaster Area

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/services/rural-development>

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- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/electric-gfr>



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