

# U.S. Department of Energy National Tribal Energy Summit: A Path to Economic Sovereignty



Hyatt Regency  
Washington, D.C.  
September 23–25, 2015

## **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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Deschene', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Director

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



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## Wednesday, Sept. 23

All sessions will be held at the Hyatt Regency unless otherwise noted.

### 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.

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### State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWG) Tribal Leader Dialogue (Invitation Only)

8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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### National Caucus of Native American State Legislators (NCNASL) (Invitation Only)

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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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
Rep. Shawn Bordeaux, South Dakota	Sen. John McCoy, Washington
Rep. Sharon Clahchischilliage, New Mexico	Rep. Gilbert Bruce Meyers, Montana
Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales, Arizona	Sen. Anastasia Pittman, Oklahoma
Rep. Albert Hale, Arizona	Sen. John Sparks, Oklahoma
Rep. Paulette Jordan, Idaho	Sen. Donne Trotter, Illinois

### Working Groups Lunch

12:30 - 2 p.m.

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### Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group (NETWG) Meeting (Invitation Only)

2 - 5:30 p.m.

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### Secretary of Energy's Financing Roundtable

2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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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.

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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 Trospier

## **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

## **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

**Speakers:** Kip Knutson, State of Alaska

Givey Kochanowski, Alaska program manager, DOE Office of Indian Energy

Jackie Schaeffer, sustainability specialist, NANA Regional Corporation

## **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 (WHCNA) 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 1: Energy Policy: Strategic Initiatives, Energy Policy Issues, Emerging Opportunities**

**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:** Dr. Julio Friedmann, principal deputy assistant secretary, DOE Office of Fossil Energy

Deborah Jordan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Air and Radiation - Clean Power Plan

Jeff Crawford, 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, DOE Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA)

**Speakers:** Kathie Brossemer, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan

Representative of 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  
Lisa Mensah, under secretary for rural development, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

TBD, American Indian Environmental Office, EPA (*Invited*)

Letty Bellin, senior advisor, Office of the Deputy Secretary of the Interior

Chris Deschene, director, DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

## 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

**Respondent:** Representative Paulette Jordan, Idaho

## Networking Break

3 - 3:15 p.m.

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## Track 1 Session 2: Intertribal Network Coordination and Action

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

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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  
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, executive director, National Congress of American Indians

Jerry Pardilla, Director, Office of Environmental Resource Management, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Direlle Calica, ATNI (*Invited*)

## 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, director, Transmission Infrastructure Program, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

**Speakers:** Mark Gabriel, administrator, WAPA

Michael Pesin, deputy assistant secretary, DOE Office of Electricity (*Invited*)

Kord Christianson, president, TDX Power

David Palumbo, deputy regional director, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

## 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. Special Trustee

TBD, Federal Reserve Bank Minneapolis (*Invited*)

Mark McCall, executive director, DOE Loan Programs Office

Bruce Valdez, Southern Ute Growth Fund (*Invited*)

Steve Manydeeds, Department of the Interior - IEED

## Track 4 Session 2: Hydropower: A New Era of Tribal Ownership and Operation

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

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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.

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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 undersecretary, Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture

**Speakers:** John Berry, chairman, Quapaw Tribe (*Invited*)  
Doug Shoop, deputy manager, Hanford DOE Richland Operations Office  
James R. Mountain, governor, Pueblo de San Ildefonso  
Julie Smith, electricity policy analyst, DOE Office of Electricity

### Track 2 Session 3: Tech Transfers

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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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, Washington

**Speakers:** David Petite, founder, Native American Intellectual Property Enterprise Council (*Invited*)  
Steve McMaster, deputy secretary, DOE Office of Technology Transitions

### Track 3 Session 3: Tribal Utilities: Serving the Needs of Tribal Communities

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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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  
Lyle Johnson, WAPA  
Margie Schaff, attorney, Kanim Associates, LLC; Margaret Schaff & Associates, LLC  
Ken Johnston, tribal account executive, Bonneville Power Administration  
John Lewis, Gila River Indian Community



## Track 4 Session 4: Housing, Efficiency and Other Opportunities in an Expanding Energy Market

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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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.

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### Concurrent Sessions

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Development, Project Development, Access to Capital

Track 4: Jobs and Workforce Opportunity in Energy

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.

9 - 10:30 a.m.

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Bunker Hill

Capitol Room

### Track Summaries

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

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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.

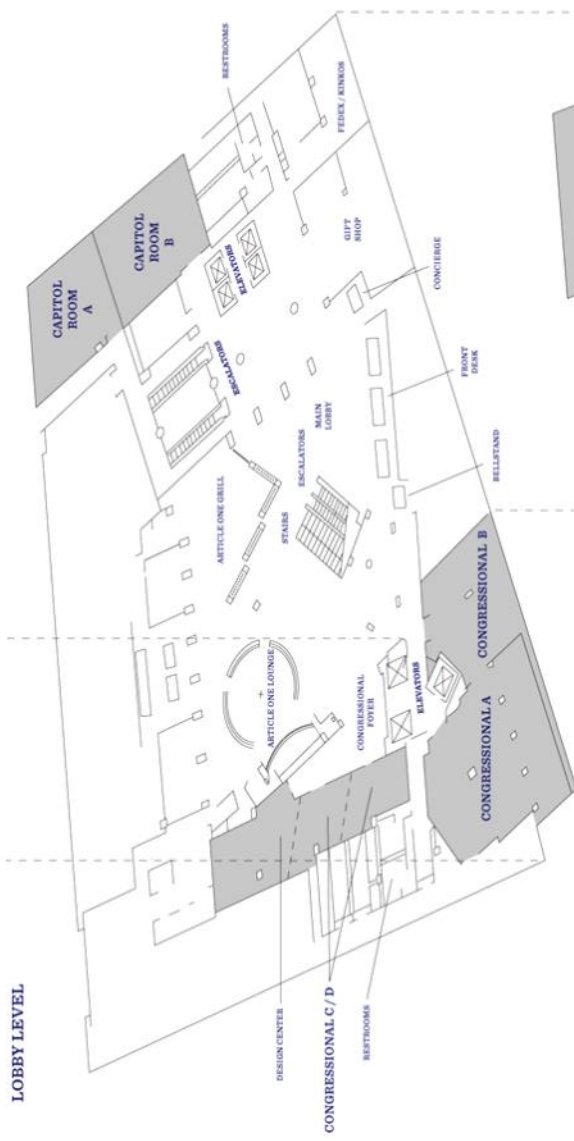
### Closing Plenary Session: Senior Administration Officials

11:30 a.m. - Noon

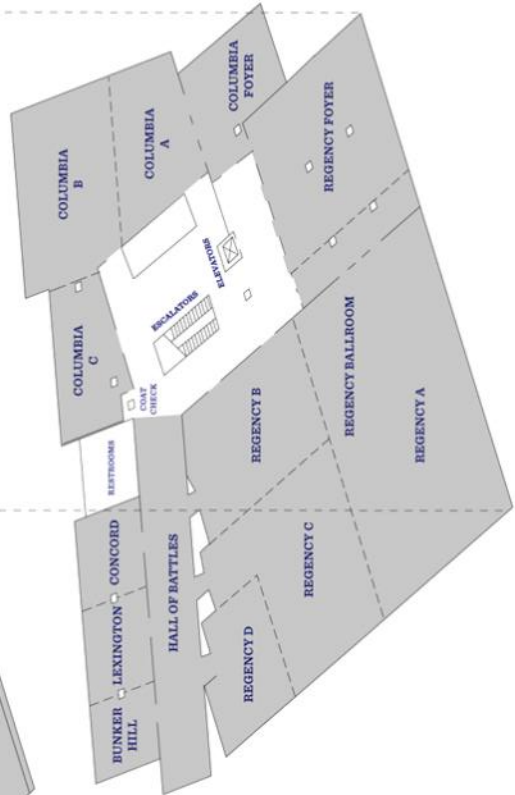
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**2015 National Tribal Energy Summit Adjourned**

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