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**Welcome!**

Thank you for attending today's Tribal Leader Energy Education Initiative Workshop. We are excited to discuss with you the many opportunities that exist for renewable energy development on tribal lands.

The Office of Indian Energy is leading energy planning and education for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and is committed to assisting tribes with energy development, capacity building, infrastructure, energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes.

As tribal leaders, you have the power to initiate positive changes in your communities. This workshop kicks off our efforts to develop training curriculum on renewable energy tribal development—in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)—to help you gain the knowledge and tools needed to pursue green energy projects. The idea for this training came from feedback we received earlier this year from tribal leadership, tribal organizations, and other entities interested or involved in energy development in Indian Country.

The goals of this workshop are to provide you with:

- An understanding of the Office of Indian Energy goals and objectives
- An introduction to the tribal leaders training being developed by DOE and NREL
- An opportunity to give us feedback on the usefulness of the training/curriculum
- Ideas for how you can take advantage of technical assistance resources from DOE and NREL
- A framework for project development
- Information about proven project development financing structures
- Knowledge and tools for project financing
- Ways to identify likely projects

As we embark on this initiative, your input throughout the process will be invaluable. We welcome your questions and feedback so we may better serve you and support your efforts. Contact us at [IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov](mailto:IndianEnergy@hq.doe.gov) or [www.energy.gov/indianenergy](http://www.energy.gov/indianenergy).

Thank you for taking a leadership role in this endeavor!

Warm regards,

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