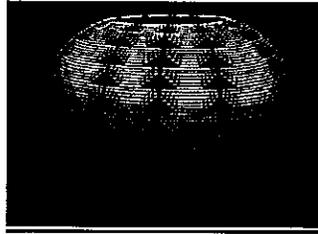


Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium Meeting

Agenda



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WASHOE TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ROOM

1588 Watasheamu Drive, Dresslerville, NV

10:30 – 2 p.m.

- Prayer and Welcome
- Special Guests
 - Pete Millar, Nevada Small Business Development Center (NSBDC) Program Overview
 - Scott Gerz, Director of Business Development-CP Renewables Development
- Energy Team Reports
 - Funding Report: Justin Whitesides, Yerington Paiute Tribe EPA
 - Frank Ramirez report on comments on Tribal Priority for BLM Land Adjacent to Tribal Lands and Low-Temp Geothermal developments (postponed till next meeting)
 - Energy Team members
- Other Items
 - Meetings
 - Trainings
- Next meeting
 - Lunch Provided**
 - Washoe Energy Projects Overview
- DOE First Steps Grant Working Session

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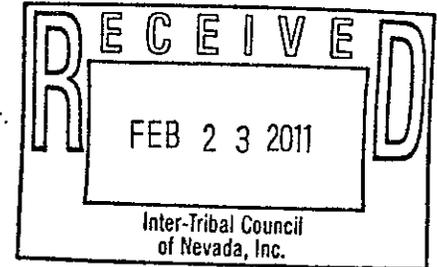
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New Federal Funding Opportunities for Tribal Energy Projects and More

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Transportation (DOT) have announced more than \$228 million in current or upcoming funding opportunities for state, local, and tribal governments. These grants can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including energy efficiency, regional planning, and community education. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

EPA Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program - \$1.17 million

Application due: February 24, 2011

Eligible entities: State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, and tribal consortia.

EPA Regions (with the exception of Region 6) request proposals for the Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program, for projects that support pollution prevention and source reduction. Priority areas vary by EPA Region. Examples include developing/implementing green curricula; funding interns to conduct P2/source reduction projects; eliminating toxics by using more benign substitutes in schools, hospitals, or elsewhere; sustainable manufacturing; green chemistry; green economy/green jobs; and environmental justice. \$1.17 million is expected to be available; 20 awards are anticipated. For more information, including EPA Regional priorities, visit the [EPA Web site](#).

DOE Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands - \$1.5 million

Application due: March 3, 2011

Eligible entities: Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, or tribal consortia.

DOE requests proposals for First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands. Areas of interest include strategic planning, energy options analysis, energy organization development, and human capacity building related to sustainable energy efficiency implementation and/or renewable energy development. Up to \$1.5 million is expected to be available; up to 20 awards are anticipated. For more information, contact [Paige Smith](#) or see the opportunity description and summary on the [FedConnect Web site](#).

HUD Sustainable Communities Research Grants - \$1.5 million

Application due: March 4, 2011 (due date extended)

Eligible entities: Nationally recognized and accredited institutions of higher education; nonprofit foundations, think tanks, research consortia or policy institutes, and for-profit organizations located in the United States.

HUD request proposals for the Transformation Initiative: Sustainable Communities Research Grant Program. Through this RFP, HUD is interested primarily in sponsoring cutting-edge research in affordable housing development and preservation, transportation-related issues, economic development and job creation, land use planning and urban design, green and sustainable energy practices, and a range of issues related to sustainability. Up to \$1.5 million is expected to be available; individual awards will not exceed \$500,000. For more information, see the synopsis of this opportunity on Grants.gov.

DOC Economic Development Administration Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and Global Climate Change Mitigation Programs Opportunity - Likely \$25 million

Application due: Depends on funding cycle; next funding cycle is due March 10, 2011

Eligible entities: State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and private institutes of higher education.

DOC's Economic Development Administration (EDA) helps distressed communities establish a foundation for durable regional economies throughout the United States. EDA generally allocates funds for the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund (GCCMIF) to support projects that foster economic competitiveness while enhancing environmental quality. EDA anticipates that these funds will be used to advance the green economy by supporting projects that create jobs and increase private capital investment in initiatives to limit the nation's dependence on fossil fuels, enhance energy efficiency, curb greenhouse gas emissions, and protect natural systems. While the amount of funding available through this opportunity is dependent on FY2011 appropriations and is not yet known, EDA allocated \$25 million for the GCCMIF in 2010. The average size of a GCCMIF investment was approximately \$840,000. For more information, including regional contacts, see the synopsis of this funding opportunity on Grants.gov.

DOT Innovative Transit Workforce Development - \$1 million

Application due: March 15, 2011

Eligible entities: Urban and rural transit agencies, state departments of transportation (DOTs) providing public transportation services, and Indian tribes.

DOT's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requests proposals for the Innovative Transit Workforce Development Program. This RFP will support projects that demonstrate innovative workforce development practices and programs in public transportation. FTA will accept applications targeting one or more of the following activity areas: tracked pre-employment training/preparation, recruitment and hiring, incumbent worker training and retention, and succession planning/phased retirement. \$1 million is expected to be available; individual awards will not exceed \$500,000. For more information, contact [Jarrett Stoltzfus](mailto:Jarrett.Stoltzfus@dot.gov) or visit the FTA [Web site](http://www.fta.dot.gov).

DOE Energy Efficiency Development and Deployment in Indian Country - \$4 million

Application due: March 16, 2011

Eligible entities: Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, or tribal

consortia.

DOE requests proposals for Energy Efficiency Development and Deployment in Indian Country. Areas of interest include: 1) feasibility studies to assess and determine the technical and economic feasibility of energy efficiency improvements to existing tribally owned buildings, and 2) installation of energy efficiency improvements at existing tribally owned buildings. Up to \$4 million is expected to be available; up to 20 awards are anticipated. For more information, contact [Kasey Koch](#) or see the opportunity description and summary on the FedConnect [Web site](#).

EPA FY11 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant - \$4 million

Application due: March 18, 2011

Eligible entities: State and local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations, and others. This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment, and cleanup-associated activities. While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants focus on hazardous and solid waste remediation and health and safety, including required core training in HAZWOPER, applicants may design their own curriculums by choosing what types of supplemental environmental training they want to provide. Learn more on the [EPA Web site](#).

EPA FY 2011 Pollution Prevention Grant Program - \$4.1 million

Application due: March 29, 2011

Eligible entities: States, state agencies, federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia, and others.

EPA's Pollution Prevention (P2) grant program supports state and tribal technical assistance programs to help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. EPA Regions will award P2 grants and/or cooperative agreements to support state and tribal technical assistance programs that address the reduction or elimination of pollution by businesses across all environmental media: air, water, and land. Under this year's competition, proposals must describe activities that address one or more of the national focus areas: greenhouse gas reduction, toxic and hazardous materials reduction, resource conservation, business efficiency, and P2 integration. To complement the five national focus areas identified above, each EPA Region has developed a set of priorities that highlight specific environmental issues, projects, and/or programs that are of significant interest to the Region. Applicants must address at least of the priorities from the EPA Region in which the project will take place. For more information, contact Michelle Amhaz at 202-564-8857 or see the synopsis of this opportunity on [Grants.gov](#).

DOE Renewable Energy Development and Deployment in Indian Country - \$4 million

Application due: March 31, 2011

Eligible entities: Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, or tribal consortia.

DOE requests proposals for Renewable Energy Development and Deployment in Indian Country. Areas of interest include: 1) feasibility studies to determine the technical and

economic viability of a future renewable project, 2) development (pre-construction) activities leading to the deployment of renewable energy projects, and 3) deployment (construction) of renewable energy projects for power production. Up to \$4 million is expected to be available; up to 20 awards are anticipated. For more information, contact [Kathryn Buckley](#) or visit the opportunity description and summary on the FedConnect [Web site](#).

DOE Weatherization Formula Grants - approximately \$180 million

Application due: Varies by program year

Eligible entities: Agencies that administer the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) DOE requests proposals for the Weatherization Assistance Program Formula Grant. The purpose of WAP is to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce residential expenditures, and improve health and safety. Lead applicants must be agencies that administer the the Weatherization Assistance Program. Approximately \$180 million is expected to be available; 50 awards are anticipated. Proposals due date varies by prime applicant's program year. For more information, contact [Meghaan Hampton](#) or see the opportunity description and summary on the FedConnect [Web site](#).

Information provided courtesy of the EPA's [State and Local Climate and Energy Program](#).

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For more information on the Tribal Energy Program and our [Guide to Tribal Energy Development](#), please visit U.S. Department of Energy's [Web site](#).

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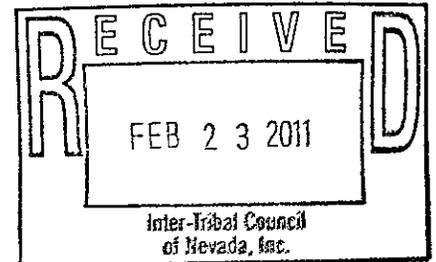


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Here is a bill that is coming up, it might help if we had someone there to testify on this. Thanks

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Chad, this is the bill I mentioned to you that would expand the water power electric generation program to tribal entities as well as mines and municipalities. I am not certain yet but we may hear this bill in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy on Monday, February 28, 2011.

Thanks,

Scott

SENATE BILL NO. 182--SENATOR SCHNEIDER

FEBRUARY 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Makes various changes concerning renewable energy systems. (BDR 58-286)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION -- Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~(omitted material)~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to renewable energy; revising certain provisions governing the Solar Thermal Systems Demonstration Program; revising the prospective expiration dates of the Wind Energy Systems Demonstration Program and the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program; revising the capacity goals of the Wind Energy Systems Demonstration Program and the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program; requiring the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to establish categories of participation in the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program for mining uses, municipalities and Indian tribes and tribal organizations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 This bill revises various provisions governing incentive programs for renewable
2 energy. **Section 1** of this bill revises provisions governing the Solar Thermal
3 Systems Demonstration Program to remove the requirement that each solar thermal
4 system have a meter or other measuring device installed. In addition, **section 1**
5 requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to adopt regulations which
6 identify the classifications and subclassifications of licenses which an installer must
7 hold to install solar thermal systems pursuant to the Solar Thermal Systems
8 Demonstration Program. **Section 2** of this bill revises provisions governing the
9 performance certifications which must be obtained to establish eligibility for a
10 rebate from the Solar Thermal Systems Demonstration Program.

11 **Section 3** of this bill increases the capacity goal for the Wind Energy Systems
12 Demonstration Program from 5 megawatts of installed capacity by 2012 to 25
13 megawatts of installed capacity by 2016. **Section 5** of this bill increases the
14 capacity goal for the Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program from



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15 500 kilowatts of installed capacity by 2012 to 20 megawatts of installed capacity by
16 2016.

17 The Waterpower Energy Systems Demonstration Program was established for
18 agricultural uses. (NRS 701B.820) Section 4 of this bill additionally requires the
19 Commission to establish categories of participation in the Waterpower Energy
20 Systems Demonstration Program for: (1) mining uses by operators of mines that are
21 customers of a public utility which supplies electricity in this State; (2)
22 municipalities that are customers of a public utility which supplies electricity in this
23 State; and (3) Indian tribes or tribal organizations that are customers of a public
24 utility which supplies electricity in this State.

25 Sections 6-8 of this bill revise the prospective expiration dates of the Wind
26 Energy Systems Demonstration Program and the Waterpower Energy Systems
27 Demonstration Program from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2013.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. NRS 701B.336 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 701B.336 1. The Commission shall establish the Solar
4 Thermal Systems Demonstration Program to carry out the intent of
5 the Legislature to promote the installation of at least 3,000 solar
6 thermal systems in homes, businesses, schools and other
7 governmental buildings throughout this State by 2019.

8 2. The Demonstration Program must have four categories of
9 participants as follows:

- 10 (a) School property;
- 11 (b) Public and other property;
- 12 (c) Private residential property; and
- 13 (d) Small business property.

14 3. To be eligible to participate in the Demonstration Program, a
15 person must:

- 16 (a) Apply to a utility on a form prescribed by the Commission;
- 17 (b) Meet the qualifications established pursuant to subsection 5
18 and be approved by the utility;

19 (c) When installing a solar thermal system, use an installer who
20 has been issued a ~~{classification C-1 license with the appropriate~~
21 ~~subclassification} license by the State Contractors' Board pursuant~~
22 ~~to the regulations adopted by the Board;} with a classification and~~
23 *subclassification which have been determined by the Commission*
24 *pursuant to subsection 5 to be appropriate for installing solar*
25 *thermal systems pursuant to the Demonstration Program; and*

26 (d) If the person participates in the category of school property
27 or public and other property, provide for the public display of the
28 solar thermal system, including, without limitation, providing for
29 public demonstrations of the solar thermal system and for hands-on
30 experience of the solar thermal system by the public.



1 4. The utility shall notify each applicant who is approved to
2 participate in the Demonstration Program not later than 10 days
3 after the approval.

4 5. The Commission shall adopt regulations which must
5 include, without limitation, provisions which:

6 (a) Establish the qualifications an applicant must meet to qualify
7 to participate in the Demonstration Program.

8 (b) Establish specifications for the design, installation, energy
9 output and displacement standards of the solar thermal systems that
10 qualify for the Demonstration Program.

11 (c) Require that the components of any solar thermal system be
12 new and unused.

13 (d) Require that any solar thermal collector have a warranty
14 against defects and undue degradation of not less than 10 years.

15 (e) Require that a solar thermal system be installed in a building
16 which is connected to the existing distribution system of a utility in
17 this State.

18 ~~(f) Require that a solar thermal system have a meter or other~~
19 ~~measuring device installed to monitor and measure the performance~~
20 ~~of the system and the quantity of energy generated or displaced by~~
21 ~~the system.~~

22 ~~(g)~~ Require that a solar thermal system be installed in
23 conformity with the manufacturer's specifications and all applicable
24 codes and standards.

25 ~~(h)~~ (g) Establish siting and installation requirements for solar
26 thermal systems to ensure efficient and appropriate installation and
27 to promote maximized performance of such systems.

28 (h) *Identify the classifications and subclassifications of*
29 *licenses issued by the State Contractors' Board which the*
30 *Commission determines are appropriate for installing solar*
31 *thermal systems pursuant to the Demonstration Program.*

32 6. As used in this section, "applicant" means a person who
33 applies to the utility to participate in the Demonstration Program.

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 701B.342 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 701B.342 1. The Commission shall adopt regulations
36 establishing program milestones and a rebate program for a
37 participant who installs a solar thermal system. The rebates provided
38 by the Commission must:

39 (a) Decline over time as the program milestones are reached;

40 (b) Be structured to reduce the cost of solar thermal systems;
41 and

42 (c) Be based on the actual energy savings or predicted energy
43 savings of the solar thermal system as determined by the
44 Commission.



1 2. The regulations must require that to be eligible for a rebate
2 pursuant to the Demonstration Program, a solar thermal system must
3 have received an *OG-100 or OG-300* performance certification from
4 the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation ~~{}~~ *or any other*
5 *performance certification approved by the Commission.*

6 3. In determining the amount of the rebates provided through
7 the Demonstration Program, the Commission shall consider any
8 federal tax credits and other incentives available to participants.

9 **Sec. 3.** NRS 701B.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 701B.590 The Commission shall adopt regulations necessary
11 to carry out the provisions of the Wind Energy Systems
12 Demonstration Program Act, including, without limitation,
13 regulations that establish:

14 1. The capacity goals for the Program, which must be designed
15 to meet the goal of the Legislature of the installation of not less than
16 ~~{}~~ 25 megawatts of wind energy systems in this State by ~~{2012}~~
17 *2016* and the goals for each category of the Program.

18 2. A system of incentives that are based on rebates that decline
19 as the capacity goals for the Program and the goals for each
20 category of the Program are met. The rebates must be based on
21 predicted energy savings.

22 3. The procedure for claiming incentives, including, without
23 limitation, the form and content of the incentive claim form.

24 **Sec. 4.** NRS 701B.820 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 701B.820 1. The Waterpower Energy Systems
26 Demonstration Program is hereby created.

27 2. ~~{The Waterpower Demonstration Program is created for~~
28 ~~agricultural uses.~~

29 ~~—3—~~ To be eligible to participate in the Waterpower
30 Demonstration Program, a person must meet the qualifications
31 established pursuant to subsection ~~{4}~~ 3, apply to a utility and be
32 selected by the utility for inclusion in the Waterpower
33 Demonstration Program.

34 ~~{4}~~ 3. The Commission shall adopt regulations providing for
35 the qualifications an applicant must meet to qualify to participate in
36 the Waterpower Demonstration Program. *The regulations must*
37 *establish categories of participation in the Waterpower*
38 *Demonstration Program for:*

39 (a) *Agricultural uses;*

40 (b) *Mining uses by operators of mines that are customers of a*
41 *utility;*

42 (c) *Municipalities that are customers of a utility; and*

43 (d) *Indian tribes and tribal organizations that are customers of*
44 *a utility.*



1 **Sec. 5.** NRS 701B.840 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 701B.840 The Commission shall adopt regulations that
3 establish:

4 1. The capacity goals for the Program, which must be designed
5 to meet the goal of the Legislature of the installation of not less than
6 ~~{500 kilowatts}~~ **20 megawatts** of waterpower energy systems in this
7 State by ~~{2012}~~ **2016** and the goals for each category of the
8 Program.

9 2. A system of incentives that are based on rebates that decline
10 as the capacity goals for the Program and the goals for each
11 category of the Program are met. The rebates must be based on
12 predicted energy savings.

13 3. The procedure for claiming incentives, including, without
14 limitation, the form and content of the incentive claim form.

15 **Sec. 6.** Section 113 of chapter 509, Statutes of Nevada 2007,
16 at page 2999, is hereby amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 113. 1. This act becomes effective:

18 (a) Upon passage and approval for the purposes of
19 adopting regulations and taking such other actions as are
20 necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

21 (b) For all other purposes besides those described in
22 paragraph (a):

23 (1) For this section and sections 1, 30, 32, 36 to 46,
24 inclusive, 49, 51 to 61, inclusive, 107, 109, 110 and 111 of
25 this act, upon passage and approval.

26 (2) For sections 1.5 to 29, inclusive, 43.5, 47, 51.3,
27 51.7, 108, 112 and 112.5 of this act, on July 1, 2007.

28 (3) For sections 62 to 106, inclusive, of this act, on
29 October 1, 2007.

30 (4) For sections 31, 32.3, 32.5, 32.7, 33, 34 and 35 of
31 this act, on January 1, 2009.

32 (5) For section 48 of this act, on January 1, 2010.

33 (6) For section 50 of this act, on January 1, 2011.

34 2. Sections 62 to 106, inclusive, of this act expire by
35 limitation on June 30, ~~{2011}~~ **2013**.

36 **Sec. 7.** Section 13 of chapter 246, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at
37 page 1002, is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 Sec. 13. 1. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2009.

39 2. Sections 2 and 3 of this act expire by limitation on
40 June 30, ~~{2011}~~ **2013**.

41 **Sec. 8.** Section 21 of chapter 321, Statutes of Nevada 2009, at
42 page 1410, is hereby amended to read as follows:

43 Sec. 21. 1. This section and sections 1 to 1.51,
44 inclusive, 1.55 to 19.7, inclusive, and 19.9 to 20.9, inclusive,
45 of this act become effective upon passage and approval.



1 2. Sections 1.51, 1.85, 1.87, 1.92, 1.93, 1.95, 4.3 to 9,
2 inclusive, and 19.4 of this act expire by limitation on June 30,
3 ~~{2011}~~ 2013.

4 3. Sections 1.53 and 19.8 of this act become effective on
5 July 1, ~~{2011}~~ 2013.

6 **Sec. 9.** The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada shall adopt
7 the regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this act on or
8 before December 31, 2011.

9 **Sec. 10.** 1. This section and sections 6 to 9, inclusive, of this
10 act become effective upon passage and approval.

11 2. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this act become effective upon
12 passage and approval for the purposes of adopting regulations and
13 on July 1, 2011, for all other purposes.

14 3. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act expire by limitation on
15 June 30, 2013.



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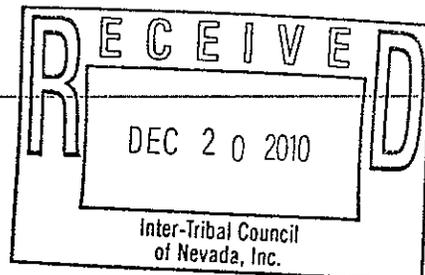
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3. ENERGY POLICY: Obama promises clean-power opportunities for tribes

(12/16/2010)

Phil Taylor, E&E reporter

The Obama administration vowed today to topple barriers that have prevented American Indian nations from developing vast renewable energy resources and introduced the creation of a new tribal energy office at the Department of Energy.

DOE's new Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs -- announced at today's second annual White House tribal nations conference -- is aimed at improving the department's efforts to engage tribal governments in national energy priorities and promote energy development on tribal lands.

The office, which will be led by Tracey LeBeau, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, will leverage the agency's resources to promote tribal energy development, DOE said.

President Obama delivered a keynote address today to the conference, which was held at Interior Department headquarters and included more than 500 attendees representing 565 federally recognized tribes as well as Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R).

"We're also breaking down bureaucratic barriers that have prevented tribal nations from developing clean energy like wind and solar power," said Obama, who also met yesterday with the leaders of 12 tribes. "It's essential not just to your prosperity, but to the prosperity of our whole country."

Obama said he has proposed increased lending to tribal businesses by enabling community financial institutions to finance more loans.

"It is essential in order to help businesses expand and hire in areas where it can be hard to find credit," he said.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said his department -- which oversees much of the permitting of energy projects on tribal lands -- was also working to engage governments in national renewable energy priorities.

"We know that tribal lands hold a great capacity for solar, wind and geothermal projects, and we are committed to helping you unlock that potential," he said.

At a Senate hearing on Indian energy development just over a year ago, tribal leaders and lawmakers lamented a lack of congressional support for tribal offices within Interior and Energy.

Senate Indian Affairs Committee members and witnesses repeatedly criticized the lack of funding and personnel at Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, created as part of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, and the Energy Department's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (OIEPP).

That office, authorized to spend \$20 million annually to provide interagency coordination to facilitate tribal access to DOE programs, has not had any funds requested until this year, said Jim Grey, chairman of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma and the board president of the Indian Country Renewable Energy Consortium in Washington, D.C.

"The OIEPP director in the last administration directed only himself; he had no staff; he had few resources; he oversaw no programs," Grey said. "Needless to say, this must change."

Murkowski said at the time that the aid that has been made available to Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development has been "underwhelming, and sometimes nonexistent."

Recent milestones

Salazar today also highlighted landmark legislation on four historic water rights settlements signed into law by Obama earlier this month.

The settlements will deliver clean drinking water to the Taos Pueblo and Aamodt case pueblos, including the Pojoaque, Tesuque, San Ildefonso and Nambe pueblos in New Mexico; the Crow Tribe of Montana; and the White Mountain Apache Tribe of Arizona, Salazar said.

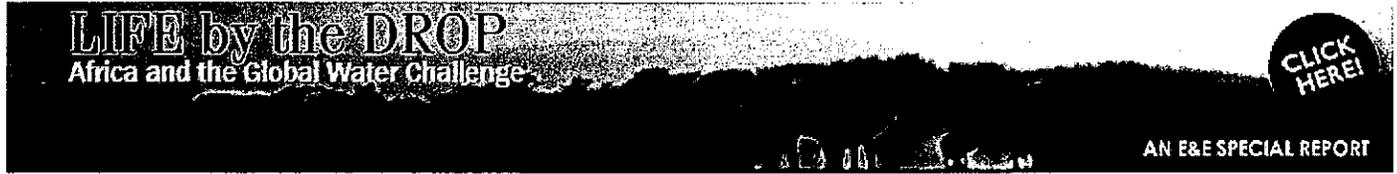
"These settlements will provide more than \$1 billion to some of the most poverty-stricken regions in the nation," Salazar said. "For these communities, the permanent water supply will vastly improve their quality of life and will offer greater economic security both now and in the future."

He added that White House support for four water rights settlements in a single Congress has never happened before.

Other momentous events of the past year were also recognized, including making permanent the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act and the president's signing of the *Cobell* settlement, which resolved over a century of government mismanagement of American Indian assets, said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

"These meetings are summit level meetings between leaders of tribal nations and the President of the United States. They are both symbolic and substantive," Keel said in a statement. "Last year's summit was historic in size and ambition. We anticipate the results of the meetings with the president today and tomorrow will change the future of Indian Country for generations to come."

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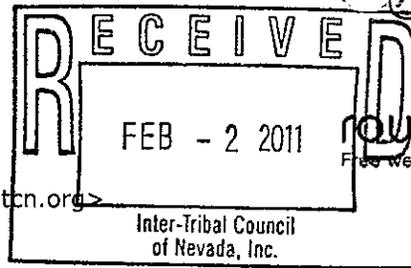
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Hi Daryl,

Thank you for faxing over the information on Tuesday concerning the Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium which was provided to Herb Shedd in October. I had visited with Justine Whitesides of the Yerington Paiute Tribe concerning the Consortium and suggested that he connect with Steve Palmer at Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC).

What I'm wondering is if the Inter-Tribal Council has a Strategic Plan and/or Work Plan which may be shared with our Agency. We are working on a 5 year plan and would like to review the plans of other Organizations to evaluate how our programs may/can be leveraged in with your Organizations goals.

If you have any questions please let me know I can be reached at 77-887-1222 ext 110. If the Inter-Tribal Council has their plan in electronic format please feel free to email to me or fax to the number below.

I appreciate your consideration in sharing the ITCN's plan with our Agency.

Kay

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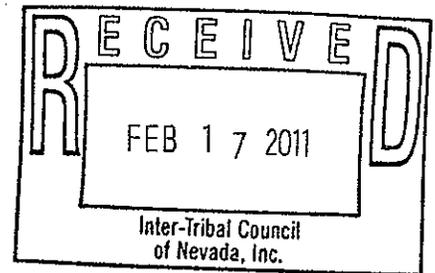
It was very nice speaking with you on the phone today. As I mentioned, Tracey LeBeau from the U.S. Department of Energy is looking into having a meeting in Reno on March 15 to talk with Tribal members regarding energy issues. Thank you for your recommendation on possible hotels in the area.

If you have any questions or need to reach me, my phone number and email are provided below.

I look forward to talking with you more in the future.

Warm regards,
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