



Notice of Intent No. DE-FOA-0003400
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Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0003401

TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - 2025

The [Department of Energy's](#) (DOE's) [Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs](#) (hereafter referred to as the DOE Office of Indian Energy) intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), entitled "Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development – 2025".

The DOE Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress under the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005 ([Energy Policy Act of 2005](#) (EPAAct 2005), Title V, § 502, codified at 42 U.S.C. § 7144e and 25 U.S.C. § 3501 et seq.), to "provide, direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, conservation, and delivery programs that –

- (1) Promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency, and use;
- (2) Reduce and stabilize energy costs;
- (3) Enhance and strengthen Indian tribal energy and economic infrastructure relating to natural resource development and electrification; and
- (4) Bring electric power and service to Indian land and homes for tribal members located on Indian lands or acquired, constructed, or improved (in whole or in part) with Federal funds." 42 U.S.C. § 7144e(b)

For more information on DOE's Office of Indian Energy, see its [website](#).

NOTE: This Notice is issued so that interested parties are aware of DOE's intention to issue this FOA in the near term. All of the information contained in this Notice is subject to change. DOE will not respond to questions concerning this Notice. However, once the FOA has been released, DOE will provide instructions on how potential Applicants can submit questions.

This FOA builds on efforts by the DOE Office of Indian Energy and the authorities granted to the DOE Office of Indian Energy under EPAAct 2005, to accelerate the deployment of clean energy technology on Tribal Lands. In addition to the \$75 million committed to tribal energy projects selected in 2023, between 2010 and 2022, the DOE Office of Indian Energy invested over \$120 million in more than 210 tribal energy projects implemented across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. These projects, valued at more than \$215 million, are leveraged by over \$93 million in Recipient cost share. See the DOE's Office of Indian Energy [website](#) for a map and summaries of these competitively funded projects.

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Through this planned FOA, the DOE Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to advance Tribal energy sovereignty and maximize the deployment of clean, reliable, affordable and local energy solutions. In support of these objectives, the DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications for the planning, assessment, and development of clean energy projects on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands.

Through grants, the DOE Office of Indian Energy intends to provide financial support under the provisions of the Title V of EPCA 2005. Specifically, DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations (hereafter referred collectively as "Indian Tribes"), Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to:

- (1) Conduct tribal clean energy planning (Area of Interest 1);
- (2) Comprehensively assess the feasibility and viability of deploying clean energy technology on Tribal Lands (Area of Interest 2); or
- (3) Conduct clean energy project design and development activities for deployment on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands (Area of Interest 3).

Projects to be selected under Area of Interest 1 (Tribal Clean Energy Planning) are intended to result in specific outcomes (measurable results or end-products) which may include, but are not limited to: a strategic energy plan, energy options analysis; energy audits; climate resiliency plan; development of an energy organization or office; establishment of energy policy, regulations or codes; and skills development and training. Funds under this Topic Area may be used for internal personnel costs (e.g., energy and infrastructure management roles) and for community outreach).

Projects to be selected under Area of Interest 2 (Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment) are intended to result in a comprehensive project plan sufficient to move a project to the design and development phase of a clean energy project on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands. It is anticipated that the proposed comprehensive feasibility and viability assessment, as a minimum, is based on a completed energy options analysis.

Projects to be selected under Area of Interest 3 (Design and Development of Clean Energy Projects) are intended to result in projects ready for deployment (final design, installation, commissioning and monitoring) of clean energy technology on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands. It is intended that the proposed development activities are the result of a comprehensive feasibility and viability assessment.

The level of commitment and capabilities of the Applicant and project participants to accomplish the proposed project will be major factors in selecting applications for funding. The Indian Tribe, Intertribal Organization, or Tribal Energy Development Organization must also demonstrate the organizational and technical readiness and commitment to the proposed project.

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In addition to specific technical evaluation criteria to be identified in the planned FOA, the Selection Official may also have the ability to consider the following program policy factors in making selections under the FOA: geographic distribution; the optimum use of available DOE funding to achieve programmatic objectives; whether the tribal community has high energy costs; whether the tribal community is not connected to the traditional centralized electrical power grid; and/or Applicants who have not previously received a grant from the Office of Indian Energy.

A 10% recipient cost share of the total allowable project costs is anticipated to be required under the planned FOA. However, the DOE Office of Indian Energy may provide an opportunity for eligible Applicants to request a cost share reduction from 10% to 0% based on poverty rate and median household income of the tribal community relative to the statewide median household income.

The DOE Office of Indian Energy envisions awarding multiple financial assistance awards in the form of grants. The estimated period of performance for each award will be approximately two (2) years to three (3) years.

Under the planned FOA, DOE Office of Indian Energy anticipates making approximately \$25 million available with awards that range from \$100,000 to \$2,500,000 depending on the Area of Interest.

The DOE Office of Indian Energy plans to issue the FOA **late Summer of 2024**. If Applicants wish to be notified when the FOA is issued, they should subscribe to DOE's Office of Indian Energy email newsletter list on its website homepage (<https://energy.gov/indianenergy>).

In anticipation of the FOA being released, Applicants are advised to complete the following steps, which are **required** for application submission:

- **IE Exchange:** Register with and submit application materials through IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>, the DOE Office of Indian Energy online application portal obtained a control number while registering for use as an identifier and **required** on **all** application documents.
- **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** Obtain a UEI through SAM.gov (UEI replaced the data universal numbering system (DUNS) number for entities doing business with the federal government).
- **System for Award Management (SAM):** Register in SAM at <https://www.sam.gov> and continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at **all** times during which it has an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency. Designating an Electronic Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) and obtaining a special password called an MPIN are important steps in SAM registration.

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- **FedConnect:** Register in FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net> in order to receive award documentation. To create an organization account, your organization's SAM MPIN is required. For more information about the SAM MPIN or other registration requirements, review the FedConnect Ready, Set, Go! Guide at https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/Marketing/Documents/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf.
- **Grants.gov:** Register in Grants.gov in order to receive automatic updates when Amendments to this FOA are posted. However, **applications will not be accepted through Grants.gov. All applications must be submitted through IE-Exchange.**

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