**Transitioning Tribal Colleges and Universities to Clean Energy – 2023 (DE-FOA-0002978)**

Eligibility Statements and Evidence File

All Applicants are required to submit eligibility statements that document and provide evidence of Applicant and land status eligibility to support DOE’s eligibility determination. Complete the eligibility questions below, attach the requisite evidence, and certify below.

**The form must be signed by an authorized representative, either digitally or manually in ink and scanned. Typed signatures do not constitute a digital signature.**

Save the completed Eligibility Statements and Evidence form and any additional evidentiary information as a single or multiple PDF files (no more than 3 files including the form) and submit as part of your application. Note: The maximum file size that can be uploaded to the IE-Exchange website is 50MB. If multiple files are submitted, use the convention for the title “ControlNumber\_LeadOrganization\_Eligibility”, denoting the subsequent files as “Part\_1” and “Part\_2”, and submit as part of your application. The use of the Eligibility Statements and Evidence template is not required; however, the information included within the Eligibility Statements and Evidence template is required.

The DOE Office of Indian Energy will **only** consider applications from: (1) Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs); and (2) on whose campus(es) the proposed project(s) will be located. Applications from a consortium of TCUs (Consortium) will be accepted but must be submitted by a single TCU acting as the Applicant and representing the Consortium. See Section III.A. of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for eligibility requirements and Appendix A for definitions.

**DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies *solely* with the Applicant.**

Please complete the questions below, attach the required and relevant evidence, certify the form, and submit with your application.

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The following information must be included with the application to support the Applicant’s eligibility:

1. Provide a narrative that specifically addresses the Applicant’s eligibility to apply under this FOA. The narrative must include:
   1. Applicant’s name;

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* 1. Brief description of the Applicant;

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* 1. Applicant’s location (City, State);

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* 1. Identification of the specific authorities that support the Applicant’s eligibility as defined in Section III.A of the FOA (section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 ([7 U.S.C. 301 note](https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/7/301)), any other institution that qualifies for funding under the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 ([25 U.S.C. 1801](https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/25/1801) *et seq*.), and Diné College, authorized in the Navajo Community College Assistance Act of 1978, Public Law 95-471, title II ([25 U.S.C. 640a note](https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/25/640a)));

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* 1. Identify whether the institution of higher education is (1) formally controlled, or has been formally sanctioned, or chartered by the governing body of an Indian tribe or tribes; **or** (2) federally chartered;

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* 1. If applicable, identify the Indian tribe or tribes which formally control, formally sanctioned, or chartered the institution of higher education; and

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* 1. Describe the evidence of those authorities and attach as part of this file and submit with your application.

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1. Provide a narrative that specifically addresses the FOA requirement that the proposed project be located on Tribal College and University campus(es). The narrative must include:
   1. Describe the location of campus;

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* 1. Identify the building(s) and/or land proposed for the proposed project;

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* 1. Affirm that the building(s) and/or land to be used for the proposed project are ‘owned or controlled’[[1]](#footnote-2) by the Applicant and that the Applicant commits to the use of the building(s) and/or land for the proposed project (if the building(s) and/or land is not ‘owned or controlled’ by the Applicant, so state and see question d. below);

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* 1. If the building(s) and/or land is not ‘owned or controlled’ by the Applicant, (1) identify the building(s) and/or land holder, (2) describe their commitment for use of those building(s) and/or land for the proposed project, (3) obtain a letter of commitment for use of the building(s) and/or land from the building(s) and/or land holder, and (4) submit the letter of commitment as part of the application. The letter of commitment from the building(s) and/or land holder **must** be submitted as part of the application under the Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing File;

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* 1. Identify any other relevant information to support DOE’s land status determination that indicates the proposed building(s) and/or land proposed for the project meets the eligibility requirements defined in the FOA; and

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* 1. Identify the attached applicable evidence or supporting documentation, as needed, to support DOE’s land status eligibility determination, include as part of this file, and submit with your application.

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**Certification:**

I represent and certify, by my signature below, that all the information provided above and attached is accurate and complete, and that I am authorized to certify to this information on behalf of the Applicant.

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| Title: |  |
| Signature of Authorized Official: |  |
| Date: |  |

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1. “**Owned or Controlled,**” for the purposes of this FOA, is where the eligible entity has or has been given certain rights and duties, specifically the ability to exercise authority, direction, and control over the project. Note that ownership may be private, collective, or common and some of those rights and duties may be held by different parties. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)