

Notice of Intent No. DE-FOA-0001620

Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0001621 First Steps toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands – 2016

The Department of Energy's (DOE) [Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs](#) (Office of Indian Energy) intends to issue a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "First Steps toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands – 2016."

In accordance with Federal policies promoting Indian self-determination and the purposes of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005 (Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) 2005), Title V, codified at 42 USC § 7144e and 25 USC § 3501 et seq.), the Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress 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

Through this planned FOA, the Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to maximize the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives and help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement successful strategic energy solutions.

In support of these objectives, the Office of Indian Energy intends to solicit applications from Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native villages, Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations under the following topic areas:

- (1) Conduct energy options analyses (Topic Area 1);
- (2) Establish baseline energy use and efficiency options (Topic Area 2);
- (3) Develop energy organizations (Topic Area 3);
- (4) Conduct climate resiliency planning (Topic Area 4);
- (5) Establish policy, regulations, and codes to reduce energy use or promote energy development (Topic Area 5); and,
- (6) Obtain skills and training related to energy use and development (Topic Area 6).

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It is expected that proposed activities will result in specific outcomes (measureable results or end-products) that will lead to the development and deployment of energy solutions, and/or build knowledge or skills necessary to implement successful strategic energy solutions.

Under the planned FOA, and pursuant to its authorizing statute, the Office of Indian Energy will only accept applications from an eligible Indian Tribe (including Alaska Native villages, Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) or Tribal Energy Resource Development Organization. Applications from a consortium of Indian Tribes will be accepted but must be submitted by a single Indian Tribe acting as the Applicant representing the Consortium.

A Tribal Council Resolution from each participating Indian Tribe, declaration (or resolution) from each Tribal Energy Resource Development Organization, and a letter of commitment from all other project participants will be required as a part of the application. All resolutions, declarations and letters of commitment must be specific to the FOA and must include any cost sharing commitments. The publication of this Notice of Intent is intended to allow additional time for potential applicants to obtain this documentation.

Under the planned FOA, a 10% cost share of the total project costs will be required and must come from non-Federal sources, unless otherwise allowed by law. Cost share may include cash or in-kind contributions (e.g., contribution of time, unrecovered indirect costs, unrecovered facilities and administrative costs, rental value of buildings or equipment, and the value of a service, other resource, or third party in-kind contribution) made during the period of performance of the grant.

The 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 one to two years, but no longer than three years. DOE currently anticipates making eight to twenty grant awards in amounts ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on Congressional appropriations.

This Notice is issued so that interested parties are aware of the Office of Indian Energy's intention to issue this FOA. All of the information contained in this Notice is subject to change. The Office of Indian Energy will not respond to questions concerning this Notice. Once the FOA has been released, the Office of Indian Energy will provide an avenue for potential applicants to submit questions. The Office of Indian Energy plans to issue the FOA during August or September, 2016 via the EERE Exchange website <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. If potential applicants wish to receive official notifications and information from regarding this FOA, they should register in EERE Exchange or subscribe to the Office of Indian Energy's email list at <http://energy.gov/indianenergy/office-indian-energy-policy-and-programs>. When the FOA is released, applications will be accepted only through EERE Exchange.

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

- Register and create an account in EERE Exchange at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/>. This account will allow the user to register for any open FOAs that are currently in EERE Exchange. It is recommended that each potential applicant, whether acting as a team or as a single entity, use only one account as the contact point for each submission.

Questions related to the registration process and use of the EERE Exchange website should be submitted to: EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov.

The EERE Exchange registration needed to submit an application does not have a delay; however, the remaining registration requirements below could take several weeks to process and are necessary for a potential applicant to receive an award under this FOA. Therefore, although not required in order to submit an application, all potential applicants lacking a DUNS number, or not yet registered with SAM or FedConnect should complete those registrations as soon as possible.

- Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (including the plus 4 extension, if applicable) at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.
- Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov>. Designating an Electronic Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) and obtaining a special password called an MPIN are important steps in SAM registration. Please update your SAM registration annually.
- Register in FedConnect at <https://www.fedconnect.net/>. 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.
- Register in Grants.gov to receive automatic updates when Amendments to a FOA are posted. However, please note that applications will not be accepted through Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/>. All applications must be submitted through EERE Exchange.

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