

# Western Tribal Carbon Management Forum - DOE Tribal Affairs Update



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# Major Updates

Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Communities: \$200M+ grants to Tribes

Loan Programs Office – Tribal Energy Finance Program Conditional Commitment: \$72M loan

RENEWABLES DEPLOYMENT | TRIBAL ENERGY FINANCING PROGRAM

## VIEJAS MICROGRID

### ALPINE, CALIFORNIA

The Viejas Microgrid project will provide the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians with renewable, utility-scale generation and storage infrastructure.

CONDITIONAL COMMITMENT GUARANTEE

THE POWER OF NATIVE ENERGY

## Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas Selection Snapshot

OCED  
Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations

**\$366M** in project funding to be distributed

**17** community-driven energy projects across

**20** states and

**30** tribal nations and communities

**7** types of clean energy

- 12 solar
- 11 battery energy storage systems
- 9 microgrid
- 4 hydropower
- 2 electric vehicle chargers
- 2 heat pumps
- 1 biomass

# DOE Strengthening Tribal Relations

- DOE Order & Policy 144.1 on Tribal Consultation & Interactions
- Executive Order 14112 *Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination*
- Expanding training for DOE staff, contractors on Tribal Affairs
- Working with National Labs on their Tribal policies & guidance





# Upcoming Consultation Topics

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- EO 14112
  - Budget ideas
  - Barriers to address
- Build America, Buy America Waivers
- Critical Minerals Initiative for Indian Country – WH Council on Native American Affairs



# Critical Minerals Initiative

- Currently: DOE, DOI (BLM, BIA, USGS), EPA, Commerce, Treasury
- Implement Tribal recommendations from Sept 2023 report: Improving Mining on Public Lands
- Create forums for Tribes, industry, NGOs to discuss path forward on domestic critical minerals supply chain
- June Consultation
- Tribes, White House, industry late summer

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## Recommendations to Improve Mining on Public Lands

Developed by the Biden-Harris Administration's Interagency Working Group on Mining Laws, Regulations, and Permitting



USDA



Date	Office	Program	Topic	Details
5/30	IE	Clean Energy Deployment on Tribal Lands \$50M	Clean energy deployment	Install clean energy generating system(s) and/or energy efficiency measure(s) for Tribal building(s) (Topic Area 1); or, Deploy community-scale clean energy generating system(s) or community energy storage on Tribal lands (Topic Area 2); or, Install integrated energy system(s) for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power a single or multiple essential Tribal buildings during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience (Topic Area 3); or, Provide electric power to Tribal Building(s), which otherwise would be unelectrified (Topic Area 4).
6/24	<a href="#">DOE GSA</a>	Tribal Power Purchase Preference	Federal procurement of Tribal power	The agency is requesting quotes from Tribal energy organizations to provide Energy Attribute Certificates (EACs), e.g. Renewable Energy Credits, for federal agencies to buy in pursuit of meeting clean energy goals. WEBINAR: <a href="#">Thursday, May 9, 1–2 p.m. ET</a>
Ongoing	IE	Technical Assistance for Tribes	Technical Assistance	The goal of the technical assistance is to address a specific challenge or fulfill a need that is essential to successful project implementation. The intended result of this technical assistance is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward.