



## 2015 BIA Providers Conference Energy Track Wednesday, Dec. 2 – Thursday, Dec. 3

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy is offering an energy track at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference. The track will feature breakout sessions on a variety of topics to help tribal energy leaders and professionals make informed decisions about energy projects. Sessions will generally include 15–20 minute presentations followed by roundtable discussions. 2015 DOE Office of Indian Energy Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Alaska communities and DOE Alaska Energy Ambassadors will be given priority attendance at the Thursday sessions. The full event schedule and registration information can be found at: [www.biaprovidersconference.com](http://www.biaprovidersconference.com).

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.      **Understanding Federal and State Energy-Focused Agencies**

*It’s all Greek to me. If you want help navigating the alphabet soup of government programs and agencies, this session is for you. It will provide an overview of many of the agencies providing energy support to tribal leaders and staff members.*

DOE (Lizana Pierce/Givey Kochanowski; 30 min)

U.S. Department of Interior (15 min)

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development (15 min)

Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) (15 min)

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (15 min)

Q&A Panel (15 min)

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.      **Innovation in Locally-Sourced Energy – Clean Coal and Waste-to-Energy**

*The DOE Office of Indian Energy embraces an all-the-above strategy in helping tackle the extremely high cost of energy in rural Alaska. Kicking off a yearlong education focus for DOE in Alaska, this session examines two potential local sources of low-cost and abundant energy: Alaska’s clean, low-sulfur coal, which is exported globally to help other nations meet their energy needs in a more environmentally friendly fashion, and municipal solid waste and biosolids, which can pose environment, health, and sanitation challenges if not properly managed.*

DOE Office of Fossil Energy, Clean Coal, and Carbon Management (40 min)

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Alaska Center for Energy and Power (Potentials in Health, Sanitation, Environmental Stewardship, and Energy; 30 min)

Alaska Coal Association (10 min)

Q&A Panel (15 min)

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.

**Save Money Today – Energy Conservation and Efficiency Successes in Alaska**

*Conservation and efficiency represent the first and most critical step in addressing Alaska’s energy challenges. In a time of extremely limited budgets and no shortage of studies, this session offers a refreshing change of perspective. Learn how fellow Alaskans are making a difference today with real action and savings.*

Cold Climate Housing Research Center (15 min)

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (15 min)

Alaska Energy Authority (15 min)

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (15 min)

Tanana Chiefs Conference (15 min)

Renewable Energy Alaska Project (15 min)

Q&A Panel (15 min)

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Sun, Wind, and Rain – Technology Updates and Projects Across Alaska**

*Alaska is a state of innovation and ingenuity. Learn about renewable energy projects across our Great Land that are driving down energy costs, creating local jobs, and helping transition Alaska to a cleaner energy future. This session is designed for tribal leaders and staff seeking proven models and success stories they can bring home and share with others to spark new ideas.*

Northwest Arctic Borough and AEA (Solar; 35 min)

AEA (Wind; 20 min)

U.S. Forest Service and AEA (Biomass; 35 min)

Q&A Panel (15 min)



Thursday, Dec. 3
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The primary audiences for the Thursday sessions are DOE Alaska Energy Ambassadors and 2015 Alaska START Communities. If space is limited, preference will be given to individuals from these organizations.

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.      **Alaskan Arctic Energy Ambassadors Annual Meeting**

*This session welcomes returning Alaska Energy Ambassadors and new members from the START communities and beyond. An unfunded, grassroots effort, the DOE Alaska Energy Ambassadors program has over the past year aligned practitioners and champions across Alaska on rural energy challenges. The primary focus of this session is to strengthen the Ambassador network and provide insights to DOE for ways to improve the Ambassador and START Programs.*

DOE Alaska Update (10 min)

National Strategy for the Arctic Region Update (15 min)

Facilitated Discussion and Strategy Session for Fiscal Year 2016 (80 min)

10:00 – 11:45 a.m.      **Energy Education and Communication Strategies**

*This session presents ready-to-use tools to encourage meaningful energy dialogue and spur community action. In addition to understanding how free DOE technical assistance for strategic community energy planning can benefit rural Alaska, attendees will learn what information and formats are most useful to bringing new energy and ideas to a community.*

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) (How To Initiate an Effective Community Energy Dialogue; 45 min)

NREL (Community Strategic Energy Planning Process; 15 min)

REAP (15 min.)

NREL, REAP, and AEA (Roundtable Discussion on Energy Education; 30 min)

1:15 – 3:00 p.m.      **START 2015 Scoping and Overview**

*This session begins the START Alaska 2015 program with the entire cohort of communities. It is designed to initiate a peer-learning network and present a statewide benefit to all START communities. Follow-on sessions at major Alaskan events (such as the BIA Providers Conference, Rural Energy Conference, and Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention) will be held over the next three years. Each community will provide a local overview describing its motivation for applying for START and desired outcomes from the program. At the conclusion of this session, each community will schedule a 30-minute individual community planning meeting to take place Dec. 3 or 4 with DOE and NREL staff.*



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DOE/NREL Closing (5 min)

