

DOE OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY

Introductions





Meet the Deployment Team

Indian Energy Deployment Team (Federal)



Lizana Pierce, Senior Engineer and Deployment Supervisor



Tweedie Doe, Lead Project Officer



Michael Stevenson, Lead General Engineer



Tommy Jones, Deployment Specialist



Josh Gregory, General Engineer



Mike Vehar, General Engineer

Deployment Specialist Tommy Jones, Denver, CO



- As a Deployment Specialist, Dr. Thomas (“Tommy”) Jones assists with implementing the Office’s technical assistance, financial assistance, and education and capacity building efforts.
- From Jones, Oklahoma, he is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and Naknek Native Village (Alaska), as well as a Native shareholder of Bristol Bay Native Corporation.
 - Holds separate bachelor’s degrees in biology and Spanish and a master’s in conservation biology and environmental science
 - Earned his Ph.D. in natural resources and American Indian studies

“I know firsthand the real impacts our Office can make in people’s daily lives, and I’m just happy to play a small role in helping Indian Country. I am inspired every day by the work we are doing.”

Lead Project Officer Tweedie Doe, Denver, CO

- As Lead Project Officer, Tweedie Doe serves as a financial assistance program resource to tribes.
- She also oversees, reviews, analyzes, and evaluates a diverse grants portfolio comprising cooperative agreements, awards, and projects.
 - Holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in international studies with emphasis on economics and human rights
 - Certified as a Project Management Professional and Project Officer and Contracting Officer Representative
 - Prior to joining DOE, worked with the Council of Energy Resource Tribes, collaborating with tribal leadership on energy and resource planning and management

“Each person on our team amazes me with their talents and commitment to our mission to improve the standard of living for tribal members. The drive I see in each person motivates me to do my part.”



General Engineer Josh Gregory, Denver, CO



- Josh Gregory serves as a technical expert administering financial assistance awards to American Indian Nations, Alaskan Native Villages, and tribal and intertribal organizations.
- He joined the Office of Indian Energy as an engineer in September 2021 and is duty-stationed in Denver, where he was born and raised.
 - Holds a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering
 - Prior to joining DOE, served 5 years as a mechanical engineer with the DOI Division of Energy and Mineral Development, assisting tribes with energy planning, assessment, and project development

“Working in tribal energy has by far been the most inspiring and fulfilling work for me and I am honored to be a part of the team.”

Lead General Engineer Michael Stevenson, Denver, CO



- As Lead General Engineer, Michael Stevenson serves as a technical expert supporting technical assistance and administering financial assistance awards to Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and tribal and intertribal organizations.
- He joined the Office of Indian Energy as an engineer in May 2021 and is duty-stationed in Colorado.
 - Holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in infrastructure planning and management
 - Prior to joining DOE, served 6 years as an electrical engineer with the Department of the Interior (DOI) Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), providing technical assistance and administering financial assistance through DEMD's two grant programs

General Engineer Mike Vehar, Miami, FL



- Mike Vehar serves as a technical expert administering financial assistance awards to American Indian Nations, Alaskan Native Villages, and tribal and intertribal organizations.
- He joined the Office of Indian Energy as an engineer in March 2023 and is duty-stationed in Miami, FL.
 - Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering Technology and Master's in Engineering Management and Systems
 - Prior to joining the DOE, served the Office of Indian Energy as a contractor engineer and technical project monitor administering financial assistance awards.
 - He also served in a similar role for the DOE Bioenergy Technologies Office, Solar Energy Technologies Office, and the Tribal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

"I am honored to be a part of the team working to advance the mission of the Office of Indian Energy for the ultimate benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Project Monitors – Contractor Team



Jen Luna, Lead



Jami Alley



Sam Baker



Nathan Ballenger



Pat Gwin



Project Monitors – Contractor Team



James Jensen



Terrell Jones



Kara Wilcox



Kris Venema



Roberta (Bobbie) Wells



Brandon Kiger



Meet the Team



Please briefly introduced yourself, including

- Name
- Affiliation (Tribe, Company, Agency, Organization)
- What brings you here this week?
- What are you hoping to gain by being here?