



NATIONAL TRIBAL ENERGY SUMMIT

Sept. 24-26, 2019

Westin City Center | 1400 M St., NW | Washington, D.C.

Agenda

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

– Agenda Subject to Modifications –

- 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration, *National Ballroom Foyer*
- 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Exhibits, *National Ballroom Foyer*
- 11:30 a.m. **Opening Lunch: Emerging Relations with Indian Country and the Gig Economy**
 (Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Program begins at Noon.)
National Ballroom
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. Welcome: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, Native American Financial Services Association
- Posting of the Colors: **Native American Women Warriors**
 Song: **Mark Tayac**, Piscataway Indian Nation
- Invocation: **Ray C. Frost**, Tribal Elder, Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Opening Remarks: **Secretary of Energy Rick Perry** – Video Remarks
Kevin R. Frost, Director, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- High-Level Remarks:
James Campos, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. DOE
John Lushetsky, Senior Advisor, Loan Programs Office, U.S. DOE
Chad Rupe, Administrator for Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Charlie Smith, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, U.S. DOE
- Keynote Speaker: **Maranda S. Compton**, Partner, Van Ness Feldman, LLP
- 1:30 – 2 p.m. Networking Break and Exhibits**
- 2 – 2:45 p.m. Learning Labs: Round One | a, b & c
- 1a | **U.S. DOE Loan Program Office (LPO): Loan Guarantee Program**
National Ballroom, A
 Moderator/Presenter: **Doug Schultz**, Director of Loan Guarantee Origination, LPO, U.S. DOE
- 1b | **U.S. DOE Office of Fossil Energy: Coal FIRST**
National Ballroom, B

Moderators/Presenters: **Lou Hrkman**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. DOE

John Litynski, Deputy Director, Advanced Fossil Technology Systems

Bhima Sastri, Division Director, Crosscutting R&D and Integrated Systems

Mark Ackiewicz, Division Director, Emissions Control and CCUS R&D

1c | **Native Youth and Energy Technology – Involving Younger Generations**

National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Melinda Higgins**, Tribal STEM Advisor, Office of Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Ron Eglash, Professor, University of Michigan

2:45 – 3 p.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

3 – 3:45 p.m.

Learning Labs: Round Two | a & b

2a | **Project Overview: Hughes Village, Alaska – Remote Community Energy Advancements**

National Ballroom, A

Moderator/Presenter: **Dave Messier**, Rural Energy Coordinator, Tanana Chiefs Conference

2b | **Project Overview: Renewable Energy Training in Energy Storage**

National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Sonny Adams**, Director of Energy, NANA Regional Corporation

Brian Hirsch, Founder and President, DeerStone Consulting

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Listening Session:

U.S. DOE Office of Economic Impact and Diversity – Equity in Energy

Monticello Ballroom

Moderators/Presenters: **James Campos**, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, U.S. DOE

Carrie Billy, President and CEO, American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Michael Bourdukofsky, Chief Operations Officer, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program

Tanksi Clairmont, Director, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund, Grid Alternatives

4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Tribal Leader Roundtables | 1 & 2

1 | **State-Tribal Advancements on Energy in the Lower-48**

National Ballroom, A and B

Moderators/Presenters: **Jim Reed** and **Kristy Hartman**, Policy Directors, National Conference of State Legislatures

Mark Fox, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation

Jason Ramos, Councilmember, Blue Lake Rancheria

2 | **Alaska-Specific Energy Issues**

National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Lizana Pierce**, Deployment Supervisor, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. DOE

Givey Kochanowski, Alaska Program Manager, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. DOE

Keolani Booth and **Gavin Hudson**, Councilmembers, Metlakatla Indian Community

Ronald K. David, Councilmember, Native Village of Kongiganak

5:30 p.m.

Day One Adjournment

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration, *National Ballroom Foyer*
- 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Exhibits, *National Ballroom Foyer*
- 7:45 a.m. **Plated Breakfast: Celebration of Women in Energy**
(Breakfast served at 7:45 a.m. Program begins at 8:10 a.m.)
National Ballroom
- 8 a.m. Welcome and Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, Native American Financial Services Association (NAFSA)

Invocation: **Bernadette Cuthair**, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Remarks: **Kevin R. Frost**, Director, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. DOE

Keynote Speakers: **Jennifer “Jenni” Lichter**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council

Michelle Holiday, Founder and President, Michelle Holiday & Associates
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Remarks from Members of Congress**
National Ballroom

Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

High-Level Remarks:
U.S. Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
U.S. Senator John Hoeven, (R-N.D.)
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Networking Break and Exhibits**
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. **Legislative Update: Panel on Policy in Indian Country with Audience Q&A**
National Ballroom

Introductions and Q&A Discussion Leader: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Remarks: **Mark Planning**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. DOE

Jacob Schellinger, Vice President of Government Relations, National Congress of American Indians

Mike Andrews, Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Jennifer Romero Monaco, Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. **U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Remarks**
National Ballroom

Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Remarks: **Jack Stevens**, Deputy Director, and **Stephen Manydeeds**, Division Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED)

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Arm Chair Discussion: Next Era on Self-Determination (50-years After Nixon)
(Buffet lunch served at 11:45 a.m. Program begins at 12:15 p.m.)
National Ballroom

Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

12:15 p.m.

Moderator: **Paul Moorehead**, Principal, Indian Tribal Governments Group, Powers Pyles Sutter and Verville

Remarks: **Carla Fredericks**, Associate Clinical Professor and Director, American Indian Law Clinic and Program, University of Colorado

Reid Chambers, Partner, SONOSKY, LLP

Roger White Owl, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation

1:30 – 2 p.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

Dance Performance: **Native American Women Warriors**

Song: **Mark Tayac**, Piscataway Indian Nation

2 – 2:45 p.m.

Learning Labs: Round One | a, b & c

1a | Electrification and Deployment of Broadband – Strengthening Rural Economies
National Ballroom, A

Moderators/Presenters: **Chad Parker**, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunication Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

Chris McLean, Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs, Rural Utilities Service, USDA Rural Development

Tedd Buelow, Native American Coordinator, USDA Rural Development

1b | Cybersecurity and Emergency Preparedness/Response
National Ballroom, B

Moderators/Presenters: **Karen S. Evans**, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response (CESER), U.S. DOE

Paul Brubaker, Deputy Assistant Secretary, CESER

Ken Buell, Director, Emergency Response, CESER

Kate Marks, Acting Director, Preparedness & Exercises, CESER

1c | Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) – Tribal Energy Opportunities
National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Stephen Manydeeds**, Division Chief, DEMD, U.S. DOI

Jennifer Reimann, Branch Chief (Acting), Branch of Renewable and Distributed Generation, U.S. DOI

Winter Jojola-Talbert, Electrical Engineer, DEMD, U.S. DOI

2-3:30 p.m.

Targeted Training Session:

Successfully Navigating the Office of Indian Energy’s Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

Monticello Ballroom

Moderators/Presenters: **Sonny Adams, Jr.**, Director of Energy, NANA Regional Corporation

Dave Messier, Rural Energy Coordinator, Tanana Chiefs Conference

2:45– 3 p.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

3 – 3:45 p.m.

Learning Labs: Round Two | a, b & c

2a | Project Overview: Seneca Nation – Wind and Solar Development

National Ballroom, B

Moderators/Presenters: **Anthony Giacobbe**, General Manager, Seneca Energy, LLC, Seneca Nation

Wes Jackson, Project Manager Seneca Energy, LLC, Seneca Nation

Tony Memmo, Project Manager, Seneca Energy, LLC, Seneca Nation

2b | U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development: Programs to Help Finance Tribal Energy

National Ballroom, A

Moderators/Presenters: **Stephanie Holderfield**, Chief of Staff, Rural Business and Cooperative Service, USDA Rural Development

Chris McLean, Assistant Administrator, Electric Programs, Rural Utilities Service, USDA Rural Development

Venus Welch-White, Energy Programs Specialist, Rural Business and Cooperative Service, USDA Rural Development

Alton Kimura, Community Facilities Specialist, Rural Housing Service, USDA Rural Development

Tedd Buelow, National Native American Coordinator, USDA Rural Development

2c | K-12 STEM Education – Preparing Tribal Youth for the Future

National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Melinda Higgins**, Tribal STEM Advisor, Office of Nuclear Energy, U.S. DOE

Mark Ericson and **Hanna-Marie Lucero**, STEM Program, Santa Fe Indian School

3:45 – 4 p.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

4 – 4:45 p.m.

Learning Labs: Round Three | a, b & c

3a | Project Overview: Blue Lake Rancheria – Microgrid Technology Development

National Ballroom, A

Moderator/Presenter: **Jana Ganion**, Sustainability and Government Affairs Director, Blue Lake Rancheria

3b | Selling Electricity and Forming Power Purchase Agreements

National Ballroom, B

Moderators/Presenters: **Leonard Gold**, General Manager, and **John Lewis**, Chairman, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority (GRICUA), Gila River Indian Community

3c | Effecting Systemic Change in the Hiring Patterns of Alaska Natives in Science and Engineering

National Ballroom, C

Moderator/Presenter: **Michael Bourdukofsky**, Chief Operations Officer, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP)

4 – 5:30 p.m.

Tribal Leader Roundtable:

U.S. Department of the Interior (DEMD) – Planning Your Energy Development Project

Monticello Ballroom

Moderators/Presenters: **Stephen Manydeeds**, Division Chief, DEMD, U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)

Jennifer Reimann, Branch Chief (Acting), Branch of Renewable and Distributed Generation, U.S. DOI

Winter Jojola-Talbert, Electrical Engineer, DEMD, U.S. DOI

5:30 p.m.

Day Two Adjournment

6 – 7:30 p.m.

NTES Networking Reception

Appetizers and cash bar

National Ballroom

Welcome and Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, Native American Financial Services Association

Invocation: **Luke Duncan**, Chairman, Ute Tribal Business Committee, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

Remarks: **Kevin R. Frost**, director, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Remarks from Members of Congress – TBD

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:30 – 10 a.m.

Registration, *National Ballroom Foyer*

7:30 – 9 a.m.

Breakfast for all Attendees

Monticello Ballroom

8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Exhibits, *National Ballroom Foyer*

Learning Labs: 1 – 4

8 – 8:45 a.m.

1 | U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI): Indian Energy Service Center (IESC)

National Ballroom, C

Moderators/Presenters: **Carla H. Clark**, IESC Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Johnna Blackhair, Deputy Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs

8 – 9:45 a.m.

DOE Tribal Working Groups’ STEM Subcommittee Breakfast Meeting

Ashlawn North

8:45 – 9 a.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

9 – 9:45 a.m.

2 | Transmission and Infrastructure Improvements in Indian Country

National Ballroom

Introductions: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Remarks: **Patricia Hoffman**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, U.S. DOE

Dionne E. Thompson, Senior Vice President and Assistant Administrator for Corporate Liaison, Western Area Power Administration

9:45 – 10 a.m.

Networking Break and Exhibits

10 – 10:30 a.m.

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretarial-Level Remarks
National Ballroom

Introduction: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Keynote Speaker: **Under Secretary of Energy Mark W. Menezes**

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

3 | Removing Regulatory Impediments to Economic Development in Indian Country
National Ballroom

Introduction: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Remarks: **Johnna Blackhair**, Deputy Director, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Darryl Lacounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

4 | U.S. DOE Office of Indian Energy: Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and Funding
National Ballroom

Moderator/Presenter: **Lizana Pierce**, Deployment Supervisor, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. DOE

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Closing Session
National Ballroom

Invocation: **Luke Duncan**, Chairman, Ute Tribal Business Committee, Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation

Closing Remarks: Master of Ceremonies **Gary “Litefoot” Davis**, Executive Director, NAFSA

Kevin R. Frost, Director, Office of Indian Energy, U.S. DOE

Retiring of the Colors: **Native American Women Warriors**

Noon

NTES Adjournment

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**Tribal Energy:
Powering Self-Determination**

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