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TRIBAL & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

SEAB Working Group

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Advancing Equity & Opportunity Across DOE Projects & Programs

The successful implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and all current and future programs within the DOE depends on the Department's ability to remove barriers and increase opportunities for communities and workers across America.

DOE OBJECTIVES

1. Internal: Embedding equity and economic opportunity across DOE's policies and programs through the continuous development and implementation of equity action plans, Tribal energy programs, and "high road" workforce strategies.

2. External: Advancing a place-based approach to equitable clean energy transition for those workers and communities involved in DOE-funded projects, through continuous and meaningful implementation of the Department-wide Community Benefits Plan ("CBP") framework.

The SEAB can play an important role to support these objectives, including by providing a feedback loop between DOE leadership and projects on the ground.

Lines of Inquiry



1. What immediate and longer-term engagement opportunities has DOE developed with Tribal governments, communities, and workers where taxpayer-funded DOE projects are being sited? How is DOE evaluating progress towards the goal of 40% of benefits flowing to underserved communities?

2. Is DOE taking proactive steps to support clean energy and related economic development in Tribal communities?

- How is DOE ensuring that long-term benefits are being made available to Tribes?
- What is the level of tribal engagement?
- What amount of technical assistance on the ground, and feedback loops from Tribes to senior DOE officials, is currently supported?

3. How can DOE's internal governance systems and operations drive greater consistency, coordination, and partnership between and among programs implementing Tribal and Community Benefits programs?

In support of the DOE's progress on these goals, TCB Working Group will talk to funding recipients with CBPs, local and Tribal officials and members of the community associated with these CBPs, NGOs, and other civil society organizations focused on supporting communities and Tribes in CBP implementation, philanthropic organizations, and key DOE program personnel.

Time line

July 29, 2024 : Working group to prepare interim report and recommendations (based on consultation with key internal DOE staff and external partners) for SEAB feedback at the next SEAB meeting

September 30, 2024: Distribution of draft report (tentative)

October 22, 2024 : SEAB discussion and presentation to the Secretary