

DOE OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY

Funding Opportunity Announcement Webinar

TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – 2025 (DE-FOA-0003401)

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October 24, 2024

Send FOA Questions to
TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov

Josh Gregory, Engineer and Financial Assistance Lead



- Josh is an engineer and Project Officer with the Office of Indian Energy and serves as the Financial Assistance team lead for the Deployment Program.
- As a Project Officer, he is a technical expert and helps administer financial assistance awards to Native Nations, Alaska Native Villages, and inter-Tribal Organizations.
 - Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering
 - Previously served six-years as a mechanical engineer with the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), a Tribal Energy Office within the Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Brings over 20 years of technical experience with 10 years specifically assisting Tribal Energy Projects

“What inspires me the most about the work we do is the resilience, the drive, and the unwavering determination of our grant recipients to take control of their resources and utilize and manage those resources—to not only secure reliable energy now, but to move toward energy independence for the benefit of generations to come.”



Jami Alley, Senior Engineer



- Jami is an engineer with the Office of Indian Energy and serves as a Technical Project Officer for the Deployment Program
- As a Project Officer, she is an expert administrator of financial assistance awards to Indian Nations, Alaska Native Villages, and inter-Tribal Organizations.
 - Holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering
 - Brings over 20 years of experience in commercial and residential buildings, including construction, clean energy project development, and management
 - Has dedicated over 15 years to assisting Indian tribes in developing their energy resources and building their human capacity to realize their energy visions

“My work in Tribal energy has by far been the most inspiring and fulfilling work of my career, and I am honored to be a part of the team advancing the mission of the Office of Indian Energy for the ultimate benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives.”

Office of Indian Energy

The DOE Office of Indian Energy is charged by Congress under the **Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self Determination Act of 2005** (Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) to “provide, direct, foster, coordinate, and implement energy planning, education, management, conservation, and delivery programs that –

- (1) **promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency, and use;**
- (2) **reduce or stabilize energy costs;**
- (3) **enhance and strengthen Indian tribal energy and economic infrastructure** relating to natural resource development and electrification; and
- (4) **bring electrical power and service to Indian land and the homes** of tribal members located on Indian lands or acquired, constructed, or improved (in whole or in part) with Federal funds.”



Clockwise from right: **Seneca Nation's** (NY) 1.5-MW wind turbine, **Sokaogon Chippewa Community** (WI) Housing Project, and **Chippewa Cree Tribe's** (MT) Residential Solar.

Deployment Program

Financial Assistance



Provides funding and financing to support tribal energy development

Technical Assistance



Offers no-cost technical assistance to advance tribal energy and infrastructure projects

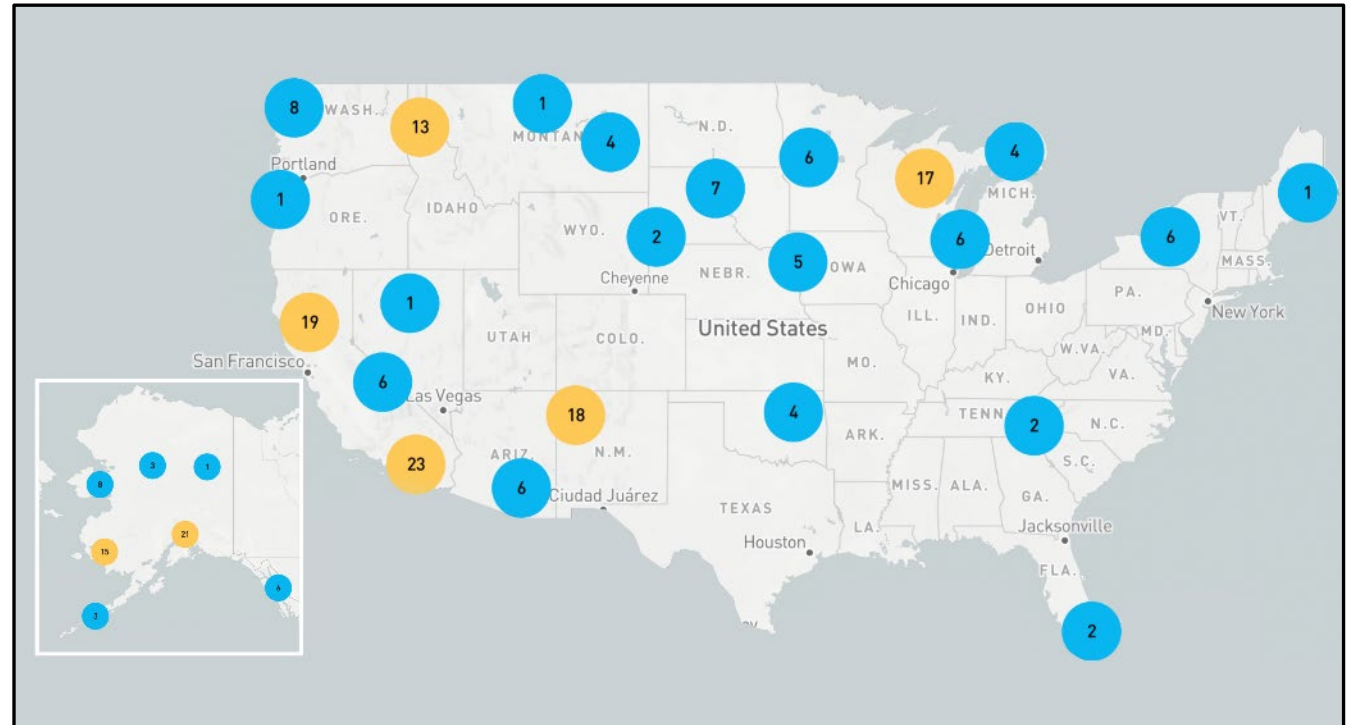
Education and Capacity Building



Supports internal capacity building to develop energy projects and navigate energy markets

Office of Indian Energy Investments (2010–2024)

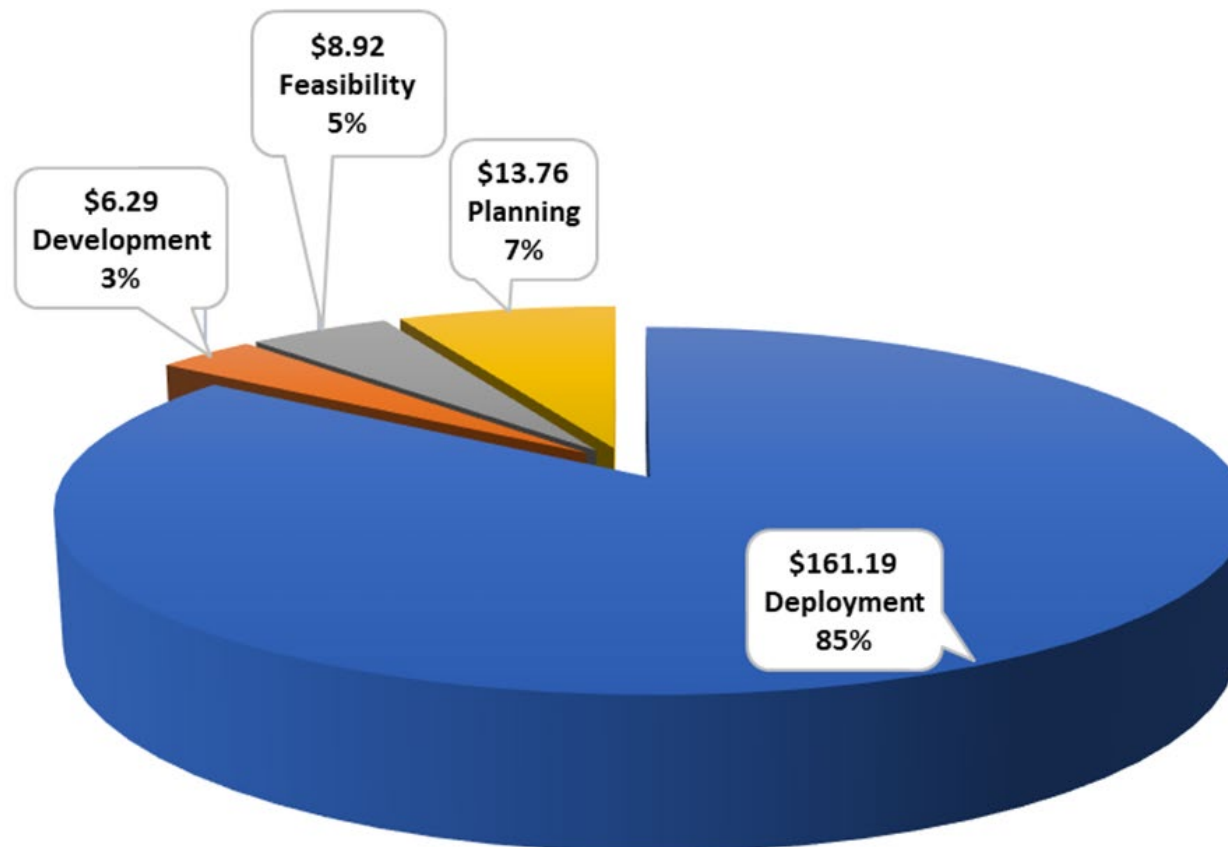
- More than **\$190 million invested** in over **240 tribal energy projects** across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska
- Valued at more than **\$300 million**
- Leveraged by over **\$125 million** in recipient cost-share



For more information on funded projects, see:
energy.gov/indianenergy/tribal-energy-projects-database

Investments by Year and Awards by Type (2010-2024)

Investments by Year (\$ in Millions)



Reflects investments by fiscal year of selections
Includes FY2020 cost share reductions in year of award

Financial Assistance Results (2010-2024)

- Over 63 MW of new generation installed
- Over 19 MWh of battery storage installed
- Over \$21 million saved every year
- Nearly \$530 million saved over system lifetimes
- \$3.29 saved for every DOE dollar invested
- Nearly 11,000 tribal buildings affected



Clockwise from top right: **Huslia Tribe Council (AK)** installed a community-scale biomass project to heat their community's buildings (2018); **Rosebud Sioux (SD)** solar system on low-income home (2016); **Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AVEC) and Bethel Native Corporation's (BNC)** installed a 900-kW turbine to power the communities of Bethel and Oscarville, AK.

All Funds Awarded Through a Competitive Process

22
funding
opportunity
announcements
(FOA) issued

(Includes FOAs issued in 2009
for award in 2010)

Accepted over
760
applications
valued over
\$1 billion

Funded over
33%
of all applications
received
(253 out of 763)

DOE average ~ 5%-10%

The Office of Indian Energy has primarily fulfilled the requirements under 42 U.S.C. § 7144e by providing cost-shared federal funding to Indian tribes and tribal entities through competitive financial assistance awards.

FOA Document, Forms & Templates, Frequently Asked Questions

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Apply

Click for Control Number

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- (1) Conduct clean energy planning (Topic Area 1);
- (2) Comprehensively assess the feasibility and viability of deploying clean energy technology (Topic Area 2); or,
- (3) Conduct clean energy design and development activities (Topic Area 3).

Unless DOE approves a requested cost share reduction from 10% to 0%, all Applicants are required to provide non-federal cost share of at least 10% of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the federal share and the non-federal Recipient cost share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project). If requested by the Applicant as part of its application, a cost share reduction from 10% to 0% may be considered based on financial need, specifically (1) poverty rate, or (2) median household income of the tribal community as a percentage of statewide median household income. (see Section III.B.2. of the FOA and 'Application Forms and Templates' for this FOA on IE-Exchange).

DOE expects to make approximately \$25 million of federal funding available for new awards under this FOA. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on Congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 20 to 40 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the Topic Areas.

See the FOA document for a full description.

Submission Details:

<https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/#Foaldc1e60c9c-235e-45d5-9aa5-a8e832ebc1f6>

FOA Document, Forms & Templates, Frequently Asked Questions

<https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>

DOCUMENTS

- [DE-FOA-0003401 Tribal Clean Energy Planning and Development - 2025](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 05:52 PM ET)

APPLICATION FORMS AND TEMPLATES

The following forms and templates may be used as part of the application submission. Note that these forms and templates do not necessarily constitute all the documents required for a complete application. Please refer to the 'Application and Submission Information' of the published announcement to learn more about the required application content requirements.

[View Application Forms and Templates](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov
For questions regarding this FOA
- ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov
For questions related to the use of the IE Exchange website

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Responses to questions are posted to the [FAQs webpage](#).

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Full Application Submission Deadline: 1/23/2025 5:00 PM ET

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Full Application

- [Applicant Registration Certifications \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:47 PM ET)
- [Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:58 PM ET)
- [Budget Justification Workbook \(IE 540.132-01\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:50 PM ET)
- [Budget Support Template \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\) FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:50 PM ET)
- [Cost Share Reduction Request Template \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\) FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:51 PM ET)
- [Eligibility Statements and Evidence \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\) FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:51 PM ET)
- [Energy Options Analysis Template \(Required for Topic Area 2 Only\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:52 PM ET)
- [Locations of Work FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:53 PM ET)
- [SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(Must be signed by an authorized representative\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:53 PM ET)
- [Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook \(IE 540.132-01\)](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:54 PM ET)
- [Summary Slide Template FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:54 PM ET)
- [Technical Volume Template - FOA 3401 - Topic Area 1](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:55 PM ET)
- [Technical Volume Template - FOA 3401 - Topic Area 2](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:55 PM ET)
- [Technical Volume Template - FOA 3401 - Topic Area 3](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:56 PM ET)
- [Workplan Template FOA-3401](#) (Last Updated: 9/25/2024 03:56 PM ET)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Funding Archive

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Questions and Answers

Non-FOA related items

Login

Question 1: Where can I find instructions on how to submit an application?

The User Guide for Applicants can be found at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>.

Register

Question 2: How do I know if I was successful?

Answer 2:

All applicants will receive an automated receipt email. Once your application was successfully submitted, a message will be displayed on the screen, and the IE-Exchange will send you an email confirmation. Please retain this automated email confirming a successful submission for your records.

User Guides

Question 3: How do I submit an application?

Answer 3:

All applicants are required to submit their complete application through the IE-Exchange system. On IE-Exchange (<https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>), click "Apply" next to the funding opportunity to which you wish to apply. Click "login," and follow the instructions for the submission of an application. Also, see the User Guide for Applicants found at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx> for more detailed instructions.

Question 4: How long does it take to upload a full application?

Answer 4:

The time required to upload an application will vary, depending on your internet connection, internet and data server traffic, file size, and other factors. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications at least 48 hours in advance of the submission deadline. Under normal conditions (i.e., at least 48 hours in advance of the submission deadline), Applicants should allow at least 1 hour to submit an application. Allow sufficient time to resolve any technical difficulties or seek assistance, if needed. Contact the IE-Exchange helpdesk for assistance at ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov. Please also retain screen shots or other documentation relative to any issues you experience.

General
Frequently Asked
Questions

<https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/FAQ.aspx>

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The screenshot shows the website interface for the Office of Indian Energy. The top navigation bar includes the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text 'Office of Indian Energy'. Below this, a secondary header reads 'Office of Indian Energy Funding Opportunity Exchange'. A left-hand navigation menu lists several options: 'Funding Opportunity', 'Funding Archive', 'Questions and Answers', 'Login', 'Register', and 'User Guides'. The 'User Guides' option is circled in red. A large red arrow points from this menu item to a 'USER GUIDES' table. The table has a header 'Category Name' and contains the following entries:

Category Name
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IE-Exchange Applicant Guide February 2023
IE-Exchange Registration Login Guide November 2022

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The image shows the cover of a user guide document. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text 'Office of Indian Energy'. On the right side, it reads 'IE-Exchange User Guide for Applicants February 2023'. The main title of the document is 'Office of Indian Energy Funding Opportunity Exchange IE-Exchange User Guide for Applicants February 2023'.

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Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

Number: DE-FOA-0003401

FOA Type: Initial

Assistance Listing Number: 81.087

FOA Issue Date:	September 27, 2024, 2024
Informational Webinar:	October 24, 2024 at 3:00 pm Eastern Time
Submission Deadline for Applications:	January 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time
Expected Date for DOE Selection Notifications:	Summer 2025
Expected Timeframe for Award Negotiations	90 days after receipt of any requested supplemental information

Read the Funding Opportunity Announcement, then Read it Again



IE-Exchange and Grants.gov Registrations

- To apply to this FOA, **Applicants must register, create an account, and submit all required application documents to IE-Exchange** at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>. The Office of Indian Energy's online Application portal.
- A **Control Number** will be assigned while registering in IE-Exchange. Retain this number as it will be required on all application documents.
- The IE-Exchange registration does not have a delay; however, **the remaining registration requirements could take several weeks to process.**
- **Register in Grants.gov** (<http://www.grants.gov>) to receive automatic updates when Amendments to this FOA are posted.
- **Applications will only be accepted through IE-Exchange, not through Grants.gov.**

Other Registration Requirements

- All potential Applicants lacking a Unique Entity ID (UEI) number, or not yet registered with SAM or FedConnect **must complete those registrations prior to submitting an application.**
- Please see Part VI.B of the FOA (beginning on page 64 of the FOA document) for information on how to register in the above systems.
- **An authorized representative of the Applicant must certify that all system registrations have been completed, and that certification submitted as part of an application.**
- The Applicant Registration Certifications template is available under ‘Application Forms and Templates’ for this FOA on IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>.

Notice

- All applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully read the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and adhere to the stated submission requirements.
- This presentation summarizes the contents of FOA. However, if there are any inconsistencies between the FOA and this presentation or statements from DOE or other personnel, the **FOA is the controlling document, and applicants should rely solely on the FOA language or seek clarification from DOE.**
- If you believe there is an inconsistency, please contact us by sending an email to TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov.

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Funding Opportunity Overview

FOA Summary	The DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations (hereafter referred collectively as “Indian Tribes”), Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations to (1) conduct clean energy planning (Topic Area 1); (2) comprehensively assess the feasibility and viability of deploying clean energy technology (Topic Area 2); or (3) conduct clean energy design and development activities (Topic Area 3). (See Section III.A. for eligibility information and Appendix A for the definitions).
Total Amount to be Awarded	Approximately \$25 million in federal funds. DOE anticipates making approximately 20 to 40 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the Topic Areas.
Award Amount (Minimum and Maximum)	DOE funding per individual award under each Topic Area will range from: (1) Clean Energy Planning (Topic Area 1): <u>No</u> less than \$100,000 to a maximum of \$350,000, (2) Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment (Topic Area 2): <u>No</u> less than \$100,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, and (3) Development of Clean Energy Projects (Topic Area 3): <u>No</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$2,500,000.

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Types of Funding Agreements	Grants
Period of Performance	DOE anticipates making awards with a period of performance of approximately two (2) to three (3) years.
Eligible Applicants	<p>Pursuant to its authorizing statute, DOE's Office of Indian Energy will only consider applications from: (1) an Indian Tribe; (2) Intertribal Organization, or (3) Tribal Energy Development Organization; and (4) on whose Tribal Building(s) and Tribal Lands the assessed project(s) will be located (see Section III.A., Eligibility Information, and Appendix A for further definition). Applications from a consortium of Indian Tribes (Tribal Consortium) will be accepted but must be submitted by a single Indian Tribe acting as the Applicant representing the Consortium. Applications may also be submitted on behalf of Indian Tribe(s) by an authorized Tribal Organization, provided evidence of that authority is supplied as part of the application. See Section III.A. for eligibility requirements and definitions. DOE will <u>not</u> make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants <u>prior</u> to the date on which applications to this FOA <u>must</u> be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies <u>solely</u> with the Applicant. <u>All Applicants are required to submit eligibility statements that document and provide evidence of Applicant and land status eligibility to support DOE's eligibility determination.</u></p>

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Cost Share Requirement	A 10% cost share of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the federal share, and the non-federal Recipient cost share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project) is <u>required</u> , unless the 10% cost share requirement is reduced to 0% as described in the FOA. <i>All</i> cost share <u>must</u> come from non-federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law (see Section III.B. for instances where additional federal funds can be used against the total project costs or as non-federal cost share, as allowed to by law). If requested by the Applicant as part of its application, a cost share reduction from 10% to 0% may be considered, based on poverty rate and median household income of the tribal community relative to the statewide median household income (see Section III.B.2. and ‘Application Forms and Templates’ for this FOA on IE-Exchange).
Additional Considerations in the Selection for Funding	In addition to the ability to consider geographic distribution and the optimum use of available DOE funding to achieve programmatic objectives, the Selection Official may, through the application of program policy factors (see Section V.C.), give additional consideration in the selection of applications for funding to: (1) whether the tribal community has high energy costs; (2) whether the tribal community is <u>not</u> connected to the traditional centralized electrical power grid; (3) and/or Applicants who have <u>not</u> previously received a grant from the Office of Indian Energy.

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Technical Assistance	Within scope and budget, the DOE Office of Indian Energy may, upon request, provide technical assistance to eligible Applicants who apply under this FOA and whose applications are comprehensively reviewed, but <u>not</u> selected for negotiation.
Submission of Multiple Applications	Applicants may submit more than one application to this FOA (including more than one application under a particular Topic Area), provided <u>each</u> application is for a distinctively different project and each application addresses <u>only</u> one Topic Area. Each application <u>must</u> have a distinct title, unique Control Number as assigned by IE-Exchange during the registration process and be readily distinguishable. Each application <u>must</u> be limited to a single unique and distinct project; unrelated projects <u>cannot</u> be consolidated in a single application.
Means of Submission	Applications <u>must</u> be submitted through IE-Exchange at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov , DOE's online application portal. DOE will <u>not</u> review or consider applications submitted through other means. The IE-Exchange User Guide for Applicants is found at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx .
Application Forms	<u>Required</u> forms and templates are available under 'Application Forms and Templates' for this FOA on IE-Exchange at https://ie-exchange.energy.gov .

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Applicant Notification

DOE will notify all Applicants of its eligibility and selection determinations. The selection notification letter will inform the Applicant if its application was selected for award negotiations, or not. Alternatively, DOE may notify one or more Applicants that a final selection determination on a particular application(s) may be made at a later date, subject to congressional appropriations or other programmatic factors. Written feedback on *all* eligible applications will also be provided at the time of notification. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed or considered for award negotiations. If determined ineligible, the Contracting Officer will send a notification letter by email to the technical and administrative points of contact designated by the Applicant in IE-Exchange. The notification letter will state the basis upon which the application is ineligible and not considered for further review.

Requirements for Office of Indian Energy FOAs

The requirements beginning on page 4 of the FOA are not all inclusive and cannot exclusively be relied upon as they do not reflect all evaluation factors and requirements for this FOA. **Applicants must read the entire FOA to determine the complete set of requirements under this FOA.**

- Pre-award Costs
- Eligibility Statements and Evidence
- Applicant Commitment and Cost Sharing
- Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing
- Letters of Support
- Post Award Payment
- Post Award Reporting Requirements
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Required Application Documents

- Applications must include:

• Application for Federal Assistance Form SF-424*

• Summary Slide

• Technical Volume - 15-page limit

• Workplan - 5-page limit, excluding the Milestone Table

• Eligibility Statements and Evidence*

• Applicant Commitment and Cost Sharing File*

• Participant Letters of Commitment and cost Sharing File*

• Resumes – 3-page limit each

• Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

• Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

* Denotes documents which must be executed or signed by an authorized representative

Required Application Documents

- Continued:

- Budget Support*

- Cost share Reduction Request

- Applicant Registration Certifications*

- SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Location(s) of Work

- Potentially Duplicate Funding Notice File

- Supplemental Information File

- Energy Options Analysis File (Topic Area 2 Only)

- Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment (Topic Area 3 Only)

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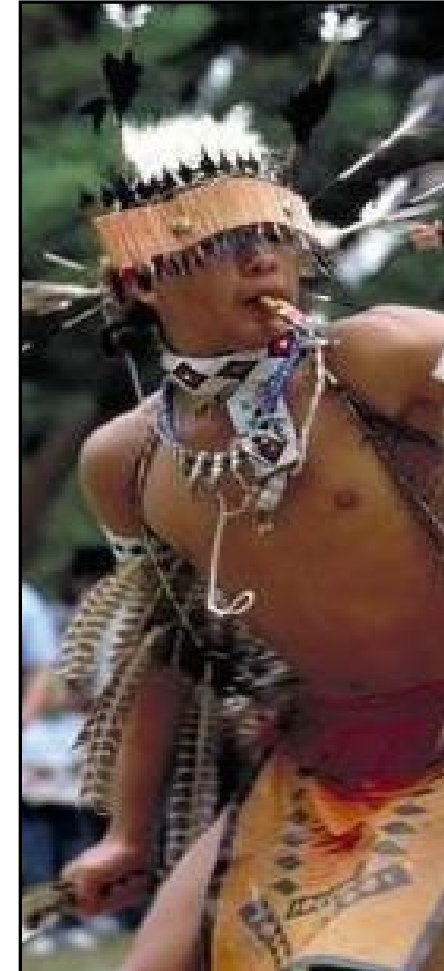
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This FOA builds on efforts by the DOE Office of Indian Energy and the authorities granted to the DOE Office of Indian Energy under EPOA 2005, to **accelerate the deployment of clean energy technology on Tribal Lands.**

Between 2010 and 2024, the DOE Office of Indian Energy **invested more than \$190 million in over 240 tribal energy projects** across the contiguous 48 states and Alaska. These projects, collectively valued at more than \$300 million, are leveraged by more than over \$125 million in Recipient cost share.



Funding Opportunity

Through this FOA, the DOE Office of Indian Energy will continue its efforts to advance Tribal energy sovereignty and maximize the deployment of clean, reliable, affordable and local energy solutions.

In support of these objectives, the DOE Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications for the planning, assessment, and development of clean energy projects on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands.

Specifically, DOE's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from **Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, Intertribal Organizations, and Tribal Energy Development Organizations** to: (1) conduct clean energy planning; (2) assess the feasibility and viability of deploying clean energy technology; or (3) conduct clean energy project design and development activities for deployment on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands.



Funding Opportunity – Topic Areas

TRIBAL CLEAN ENERGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - 2025

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The FOA is soliciting applications for:

- 1) Tribal Clean Energy Planning (Topic Area 1); or,
- 2) Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment (Topic Area 2); or,
- 3) Design and Development of Clean Energy Projects (Topic Area 3).

Funding Opportunity – Topic Area 1

Eligible planning activities under this Topic Area, may include, but are not limited to:

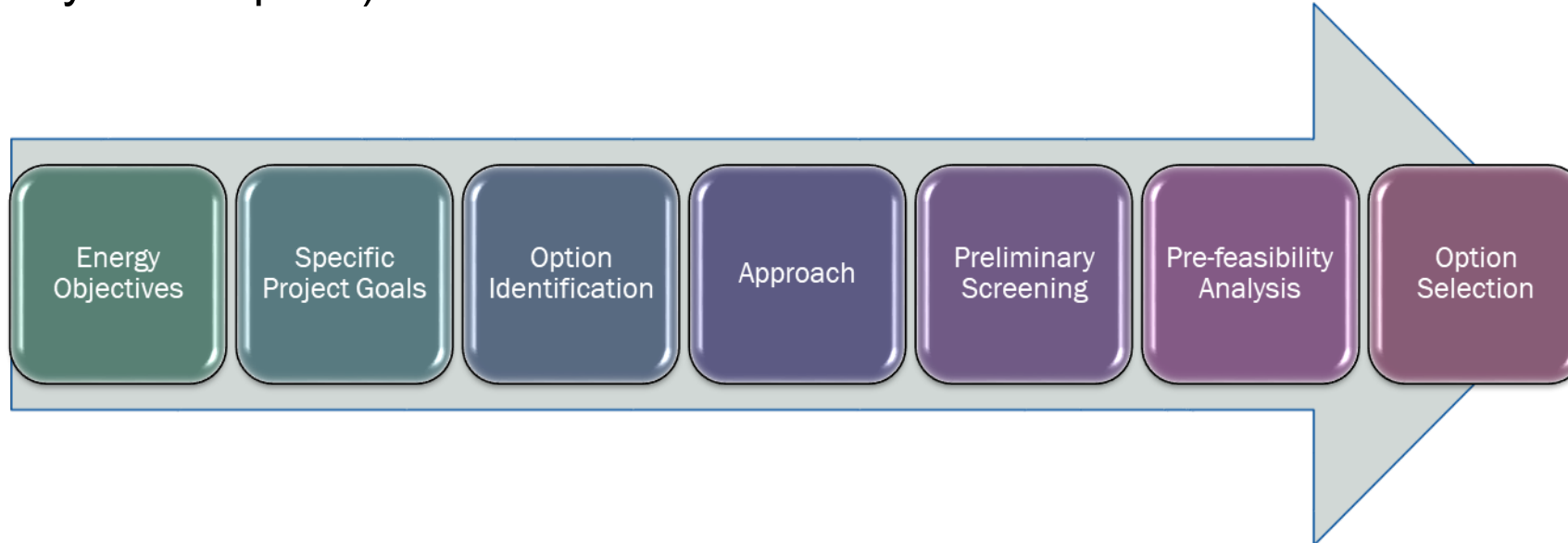
- (a) **Strategic energy planning;**
- (b) **Conducting an Energy Options Analysis;**
- (c) **Conducting energy audits** to establish baseline energy use and energy efficiency options;
- (d) **Developing an energy organization or office;**
- (e) **Conducting climate resiliency planning;**
- (f) **Establishing energy policy, regulations, or codes** to reduce energy use or promote energy development; and,
- (g) **Obtaining skills and training** related to energy use, development, or management.

Applicants may propose a single eligible planning activity, multiple planning activities, or all eligible activities, provided the amount of DOE funding being requested does not exceed the maximum DOE funding per individual award specified under Section II.A.1.

Funding Opportunity – Topic Area 2

Projects selected under **Topic Area 2 (Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment)** are intended to result in a comprehensive project plan sufficient to move a project to the design and development phase of a clean energy project on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Land (see Topic Area 3).

It is anticipated that the proposed comprehensive feasibility and viability assessment, as a minimum, is **based on a completed energy options analysis** (see Topic Area 1 and the Energy Options Analysis Template).



Funding Opportunity – Topic Area 2

“**Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment**”, for purposes of this FOA, is an assessment of the practicality of a proposed project plan. A Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment should clearly identify the need, demonstrate the rationale for selecting the proposed clean energy technology as opposed to other options, demonstrate the availability of the resource, demonstrate the technical and economic viability, including an interconnection analyses (if applicable), and financial sustainability, of the proposed clean energy system(s). See Section I.B.2. for more details.



Funding Opportunity – Topic Area 3

Projects selected under **Topic Area 3 (Design and Development of Clean Energy Projects)** are intended to result in projects ready for deployment (final design, installation, commissioning and monitoring) of clean energy technology on Tribal Buildings or Tribal Lands. **It is intended that the proposed development activities are the result of a comprehensive feasibility and viability assessment (see Topic Area 2).** See Section I.B.3 for more information.

“**Development**” for purposes of this FOA refers to activities prior to hardware installation and may include, but is not limited to, design and engineering (except *final* design and engineering), economic analyses, environmental evaluations and studies, policy and regulatory assessment, market and interconnection studies, risk analysis and mitigation planning, operations and maintenance planning, organizational structure and financing planning.

Note: “Deployment” activities are not allowable activities under Topic Area 3 or any other Topic Area of this FOA, where “Deployment” for purposes of this FOA means the installation of clean energy technology and may include: final design and engineering, selection of contractors, obtaining permits and approvals, securing financing, procuring equipment, installation, and commissioning.

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The following types of applications will be deemed nonresponsive and will not be reviewed or considered (See Section I.C. of the FOA):

- Applications that fall outside the technical parameters specified in Section I.B. of the FOA.
- Applications proposing final design and engineering or the purchase or installation of equipment, excluding equipment which may be needed for resource assessment.
- Applications proposing deployment activities, as that term is defined in this FOA, including applications proposing the execution of agreements (interconnect, land lease, rights-of-way, power purchase, financing), issuing requests for proposals, or entering into contracts.
- Applications proposing the building, erecting, altering, remodeling, or repairing of a building or structure.
- Applications proposing the evaluation of product marketing opportunities, assessment of manufacturing opportunities, research, product development.

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Funding Opportunity Overview	
Total Amount to be Awarded	Approximately \$25 million in federal funds. DOE anticipates making approximately 20 to 40 awards under this FOA. DOE may issue awards in one, multiple, or none of the Topic Areas.
Award Amount (Minimum and Maximum)	DOE funding per individual award under each Topic Area will range from: (1) Clean Energy Planning (Topic Area 1): <u>No</u> less than \$100,000 to a maximum of \$350,000, (2) Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment (Topic Area 2): <u>No</u> less than \$100,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000, and (3) Development of Clean Energy Projects (Topic Area 3): <u>No</u> less than \$250,000 to a maximum of \$2,500,000.
Period of Performance	DOE anticipates making awards with a period of performance of approximately two (2) to three (3) years.

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Eligibility Information

Who's Eligible to Apply?

- All Applicants will be **required** to provide eligibility statements and evidence to support DOE's eligibility determination (see Section IV.C.5.)
- **DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies *solely* with the Applicant.** Applicants that do not meet the eligibility requirements under Section III.A. of the FOA will be deemed ineligible and their applications will not be reviewed or considered.
- In accordance with EAct 2005 authorities and consistent with [2 CFR § 910.126\(b\)](#), eligibility for award under this FOA is restricted to: (1) an **Indian Tribe**; (2) **Intertribal Organization**; or (3) **Tribal Energy Development Organization**; and (4) on whose **Tribal Lands** the project(s) will be located.

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- “**Indian Tribe**,” for the purposes of this FOA and as defined in in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ([25 U.S.C. § 5304](#)),² means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ([85 Stat. 688](#)) [[43 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq.](#)], which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. See below for further definition.
- For the purposes of this FOA, an eligible Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community (including Alaska Native villages), must be federally recognized as listed in *Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs*, published by the Department of Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Federal Register on [January 8, 2024, 89 FR 5](#).

Eligibility Information

- **“Alaska Native Regional Corporation”** for the purposes of this FOA, means one of the thirteen Alaska Native Regional Corporations, as defined in and established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ([43 U.S.C. § 1602\(g\)](#)).
- **“Alaska Native Village Corporation”** or **“Village Corporation”**, for the purposes of this FOA, means an Alaska Native Village Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alaska as a business for profit or nonprofit corporation to hold, invest, manage and/or distribute lands, property, funds, and other rights and assets for and on behalf of a Native village, as defined in and established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ([43 U.S.C. § 1602\(j\)](#)).
- **“Tribal Consortium”** (plural consortia), as defined for the purposes of this FOA, means a group of Indian Tribes (as defined above), that have chosen to submit a single application. Under this FOA, a Tribal Consortium is eligible to submit an application provided the application is submitted by a single Indian Tribe representing the Consortium.

Eligibility Information

- “**Tribal Organization**,” per [Public Law 115-245](#) has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act ([25 U.S.C. § 5304](#)). Specifically, per [25 U.S.C. § 5304](#), "**Tribal Organization**" means the recognized governing body of any Indian tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by such governing body or which is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in *all* phases of its activities: Provided, That in any case where a contract is let or grant made to an organization to perform services benefiting more than one Indian tribe, the approval of each such Indian tribe shall be a prerequisite to the letting or making of such contract or grant.

Eligibility Information

- “**Intertribal Organization**,” as defined for the purposes of this FOA, means any organization comprised of *two or more* Indian Tribes, established under Congressional, State, or Tribal law to act on behalf of the participating Indian Tribes. “**Intertribal Organizations**” may include, but are not limited to, intertribal councils, regional tribal organizations or associations, Alaska regional development organizations, and tribal federations.

Eligibility Information

“Tribal Energy Development Organization,” for the purposes of this FOA, means:

- a) any enterprise, partnership, consortium, corporation, or other type of business organization that is engaged in the development of energy resources and is wholly owned by an Indian tribe (including an organization incorporated pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 ([25 U.S.C. § 5124](#)) (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) or section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967, chapter 831, [25 U.S.C. § 5201, et seq.](#), commonly known as the ‘Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act’);

and;

- b) any “**organization**” of two or more entities, at least one of which is an Indian tribe, that has the written consent of the governing bodies of *all* Indian tribes participating in the organization to apply for a grant, loan, or other assistance under 2602 of EAct ([25 U.S.C. § 3502](#)) or to enter into a lease or business agreement with, or acquire a right-of-way from, an Indian tribe pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii) or (b)(2)(B) of 2604 of EAct ([25 U.S.C. § 3504](#)), where “**organization**” means a partnership, joint venture, Limited Liability Company (LLC) or other unincorporated association or entity that is established to develop Indian energy resources.

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QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY

DOE will not make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision of whether to submit an application in response to this FOA lies solely with the Applicant.



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Cost Sharing Requirements

Unless DOE approves a requested cost share reduction from 10% to 0%, a 10% cost share of the total allowable costs of the project (i.e., the sum of the federal share, and the non-federal Recipient cost share of allowable costs equals the total allowable cost of the project) is required.



Cost Sharing Requirements

Cost share reductions from the required 10% to 0% will be based on financial need, specifically

- (1) poverty rate, **or**
- (2) median household income of the tribal community as a percentage of statewide median household income.

To submit a Cost Share Reduction Request, see Section IV.C.12. and the Cost Share Reduction Request template under ‘Application Forms and Templates’ for this FOA on IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>.

When requesting a cost share reduction, the Applicant must complete the application, based on the requested cost share reduction amount and percentage.

However, if DOE does not approve the request for reduced cost share, the Applicant will be required to meet the statutory minimum cost share of 10%.



Cost Sharing Requirements

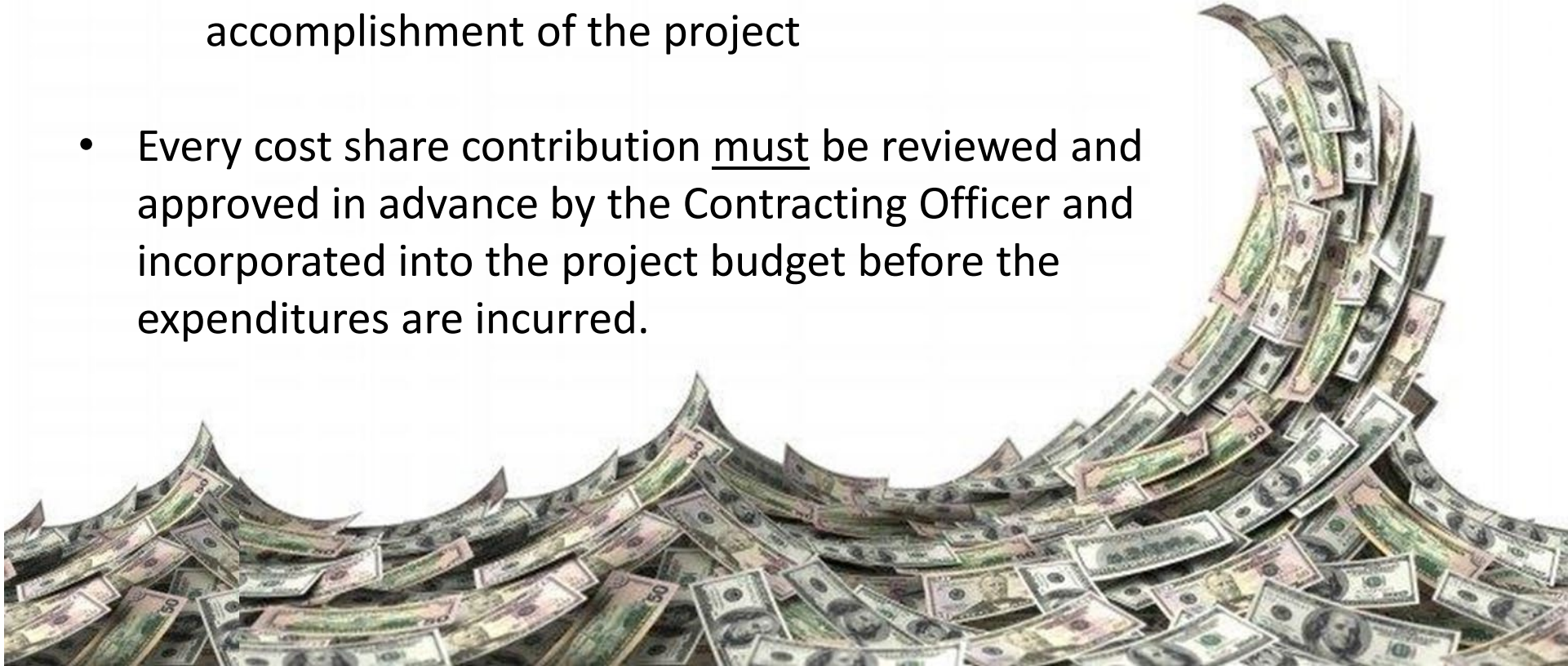
- **All cost share must come from non-Federal sources unless otherwise allowed by law.** See 2 CFR 200.306 and 2 CFR 910.130 for the applicable cost sharing requirements.
- Except for pre-award costs with prior DOE approval, **only cost share contributions made during the period of performance** of the grant, if awarded, can be considered.
- **Costs incurred prior to award selection cannot be considered as cost share** or for reimbursement by DOE.
- In addition, **cost share must be available or accessible at the time of submission of the application**, as described below.
- **A written assurance (e.g., commitment) must be provided at the time of application submission.** The written assurance (e.g., commitment) is a binding guarantee that funds are available or, with respect to the use of equipment, contributed labor hours, or unrecovered indirect costs, accessible.
- **Cost share commitments cannot be dependent on some future event, such as receiving a grant, obtaining a loan, or securing an investor.**

Cost Share Contributions

- Although the cost share requirement applies to the project as a whole (including work performed by members of the project team other than the Recipient), **the Recipient is ultimately and legally responsible for the entire amount of cost share, if an award is made.**
- In addition, if an award is made, cost share will be verified, once invoiced.
- Documentation for all costs (evidence of expenditures) associated with the project will be required with each and every request for reimbursement from DOE for DOE's portion of those costs.
- **DOE requires Recipients to contribute the cost share amount incrementally over the life of the award, on an invoice-by-invoice basis.** In limited circumstances, and where it is in the government's interest, the DOE Contracting Officer may approve a request by the Recipient to meet its cost share requirements on a less frequent basis.

Cost Share Contributions

- Contributions must be:
 - Specified in the project budget
 - Verifiable from the Recipient's records
 - Necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient accomplishment of the project
- Every cost share contribution must be reviewed and approved in advance by the Contracting Officer and incorporated into the project budget before the expenditures are incurred.



Cost Share Contributions

As all sources of cost share are considered part of total project costs, the cost share dollars will be scrutinized under the same Federal regulations as Federal dollars to the project.



Allowable Cost Share

- Cost Share must be allowable, be available or accessible at the time of submission of the application, and will be verified, once invoiced.
- Refer to the following applicable Federal cost principles:

Entity	Cost Principles
Educational Institutions	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
Non-profit Organizations	2 CFR Part 200 – Subpart E
For-profit Organizations	FAR Part 31

Allowable Cost Share

- **Cash Contributions**

May be provided by the Recipient, Subrecipient, or a Third-Party

- **In-Kind Contributions**

Can include, but are not limited to:

- Contribution of time
- Unrecovered indirect costs
- Unrecovered facilities and administrative costs
- Rental (or lease) value of buildings, land, or equipment
- Value of a service, other resource, or third-party in-kind contribution.



Unallowable Cost Share

The Recipient may not use the following sources to meet its cost share obligations including, but not limited to:

- Revenues or royalties from the prospective operation of an activity beyond the project period;
- Proceeds from the prospective sale of an asset of an activity;
- Federal funding or property (e.g., federal grants, equipment owned by the federal government), unless allowed by law;
- Any form of cost sharing received after the DOE grant period **or** those received prior to being selected for award under this FOA;
- The same cash or in-kind contributions to meet cost share requirements for more than one project or program; or
- Expenditures that were reimbursed under a separate federal program.

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- Applications must include:

• Application for Federal Assistance Form SF-424*

• Summary Slide

• Technical Volume - 15-page limit

• Workplan - 5-page limit, excluding the Milestone Table

• Eligibility Statements and Evidence*

• Applicant Commitment and Cost Sharing File*

• Participant Letters of Commitment and Cost Sharing File*

• Resumes – 3-page limit each

• Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

• Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook (IE 540.132-01)

* Denotes documents which must be executed or signed by an authorized representative

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Technical Volume

[Applicant Organization Name]

[IE-Exchange Control Number]

Technical Volume Cover Page(s)

Note: Cover page(s) and Table of Contents are not counted against the maximum number of Technical Volume pages.

Workplan

[Applicant Organization Name]

[IE-Exchange Control Number]

Workplan

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ELIGIBILITY STATEMENTS AND EVIDENCE

All Applicants are required to submit eligibility statements that document and provide evidence of Applicant and land status eligibility to support DOE's eligibility determination. Complete the eligibility questions below, attach the requisite evidence, and certify below.

The form must be signed by an authorized representative, either digitally or manually in ink and scanned. Typed signatures do not constitute a digital signature.

Save the completed Eligibility Statements and Evidence form and any additional evidentiary information as a single or multiple PDF files (no more than 3 files including the form) and submit as part of your application. Note: The maximum file size that can be uploaded to the IE-Exchange website is 50MB. If multiple files are submitted, use the convention for the title "ControlNumber_LeadOrganization_Eligibility", denoting the subsequent files as "Part_1" and "Part_2", and submit as part of your application. The use of the Eligibility Statements and Evidence template is not required; however, the information included within the Eligibility Statements and Evidence template is required.

Pursuant to its authorizing statute, the DOE Office of Indian Energy will only consider applications from: (1) an Indian Tribe, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations; (2) Intertribal Organization, or (3) Tribal Energy Development Organization; and (4) on whose Tribal Lands the project(s) will be located (see Section III, Eligibility Information, and Appendix A of the FOA for further definition).

Applications from a consortium of Indian Tribes (Tribal Consortium) will be accepted but must be submitted by a single Indian Tribe acting as the Applicant representing the Consortium. Applications

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The following forms and templates may constitute all the documents required for an announcement to learn more about the

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- [Applicant Registration Certification](#)
- [Application for Federal Assistance](#)
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- [Budget Support Template \(Must be used\)](#)
- [Cost Share Reduction Request Template](#)
- [Eligibility Statement](#)
- [Energy Options Analysis](#)
- [Locations of Work Form](#)
- [SF-LLL Disclosure Form](#)
- [Subrecipient Budget Worksheet](#)
- [Summary Slide Template](#)
- [Technical Volume I](#)
- [Technical Volume II](#)
- [Technical Volume III](#)
- [Workplan Template](#)

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CONTACT INFORMATION

- TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov
For questions regarding applications
- ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov
For questions related to the IE-Exchange

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Responses to questions

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- Full Application Submission

View Burden Statement

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 3. Date Received:

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* 2. Type of Application:

[Type] * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

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 E540.02-01 Budget Justification
 Instructions and Summary
 Control Number: [Field]
 Applicant: [Field]

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
If you have any questions, email TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov

GENERAL WORKBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

- Blue colored cells contain instructions, headers, or summary calculations and are not to be edited.
- Enter detailed information by cost category on tabs a. through i. This instruction sheet provides instructions for each tab.
- The costs on tabs a. through i. must be Total Costs including both requested Federal and Tribal contributions.
- Ensure all costs are allowable, allocable, and reasonable in accordance with the applicable FAR Part 31 for For-Profit entities; 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles.
- Except for Contractual costs (tab f), all cost categories must reflect only the Applicant's costs.
- The Contractual (tab f) must include costs for all Subawardees (Vendor or Subcontractor).

INSTRUCTIONS - PLEASE READ

- Costs below will auto-populate.
- Only include the proposed project period dates (start and end) and any additional information.

Section A - Budget Summary			
Federal	Cost Share	Total Costs	Comments
\$0	\$0	\$0	
Section B - Budget Categories			
CATEGORY	Project Period	Total Costs	% of Total
a. Personnel		\$0	0%
b. Fringe Benefits		\$0	0%
c. Travel		\$0	0%
d. Equipment		\$0	0%
e. Supplier		\$0	0%
f. Contractual		\$0	0%
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h. Subrecipient		\$0	0%
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Total Contractual		\$0	0%
i. Construction		\$0	0%
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Total Direct Costs		\$0	0%
j. Indirect Charges		\$0	0%
TOTAL COSTS		\$0	0%

Additional Explanation (or needs):

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BURDEN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Office of Information Management, Paperwork Project Team, Washington, DC 20503.

Instructions and Summary

Insert a picture or chart summarizing key project milestones, outcomes, or locations.

Add a sentence identifying a key take-away of the proposal.

Project Summary

Summary of the proposed project (e.g., project goals and objectives, technology type, system(s) size, project location, number of people affected, and how the project integrates into the long-term goals/vision of the Applicant).

Required Application Documents

- Continued:

- Budget Support*

- Cost share Reduction Request

- Applicant Registration Certifications*

- SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

- Location(s) of Work

- Potentially Duplicate Funding Notice File

- Supplemental Information File

- Energy Options Analysis File (Topic Area 2 Only)

- Comprehensive Clean Energy Feasibility and Viability Assessment (Topic Area 3 Only)

* Denotes documents which must be executed or signed by an authorized representative

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The following forms and templates may be used to constitute all the documents required for an application announcement to learn more about the requirements.

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- [Cost Share Reduction Request Template \(IE 540.132-01\)](#)
- [Eligibility Statements and Evidence \(IE 540.132-01\)](#)
- [Energy Options Analysis Template \(IE 540.132-01\)](#)
- [Locations of Work FOA-3401 \(Last Updated 10/2014\)](#)
- [SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities \(IE 540.132-01\)](#)
- [Subrecipient Budget Justification Workbook \(IE 540.132-01\)](#)
- [Summary of Work](#)
- [Technical Narrative](#)
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- [Workplan](#)

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- [Tribal Contact Information](#)
- [Exchange Information](#)

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Applicant Organization			
Fill out the header information above			
This document will be used to identify each location of activity and/or communities that will be receiving the project cost share.			
1. Column B: Identify the Location Type (a primary location)	2. Column E: Input Subrecipient (if the location is a subrecipient)	3. For all other Columns: Select from the dropdown menu. Note: If you need additional rows, be sure to "Copy" the row.	
Location Type	Is this a Principal Place of Performance?	Prime or Subrecipient Location?	Subrecipient Name
Location(s) of Work			

BUDGET SUPPORT

The Budget Support provided in this document is to supplement and complement your Budget Justification Workbook form (IE 540.132-01). Complete the header information, include narrative responses to the questions below, attach any necessary supplemental information, and upload it as part of your application.

The Budget Support template **must be signed by an authorized representative, either digitally or manually in ink and scanned.**

Save the completed and signed Budget Support template as single PDF file. The maximum file size is 10 MB. Denote the title of the Budget Support template as follows:

The Budget Support Templates' header information should be filled out.

The following information should be provided for each project cost share:

- 1) If a subrecipient, provide the name of the subrecipient and the award amount.
- 2) If a prime location, provide the name of the prime location and the award amount.

Additional information should be provided for each project cost share:

Technical Narrative

Workplan

Summary of Work

APPLICANT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATIONS

All Applicants **must** certify that all system registrations have been completed. The use of the Applicant Registration Certifications template is **not** required, but the information included within the Applicant Registration Certifications template is **required**.

- Specifically, this certification must confirm that the Applicant has:
- Registered in [IE-Exchange](#) and obtained a control number that will be **required** on all applications;
 - Obtained a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, has registered in [SAM](#) and will maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during work on an active federal award or an application or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency;
 - Registered in [FedConnect.net](#) in order to receive award documentation; and
 - Registered in [Grants.gov](#) in order to receive automatic updates when Amendment information is posted.

The Applicant Registration Certifications template **must be signed by an authorized representative, either digitally or manually in ink and scanned. Typed signatures do not constitute a digital signature.**

Save the completed and signed Applicant Registration Certifications template as single PDF file. The following convention for the title: "ControlNumber_LeadOrganization_Registration_Certifications" should be used. Submit the file as part of your application.

Note: These certifications are in addition to those certifications and assurances an Applicant attests to when signing the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424). The list of those certifications and assurances is found at the end of the SF-424 form at [https://www.fedconnect.net/ffo/](#)

Please complete the questions below using the instructions in blue. Once complete, please delete the information in blue using the following "Control Number" application.

Although an application for cost share reduction through the application.

[Applicant Organization Name]

COST SHARE REDUCTION REQUEST

[Applicant Organization Name]

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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C.1352

Approved by OMB
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Application Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must submit an Application by **January 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM Eastern Time**
- Applications are eligible for review only if:
 - The Applicant is an eligible entity (Section III.A of FOA)
 - The Cost Share requirement is satisfied (Section III.B of FOA)
 - The Application complies with the content, format, and submission requirements in Section IV.A and Section IV.C. of the FOA;
 - The Applicant successfully uploaded *all* required documents and clicked the “Submit” button in IE-Exchange by the deadline stated in the FOA.
 - The proposed project is responsive to the intent of the FOA (Section I and Section III.D of FOA)
 - The Application meets any other eligibility requirements identified in Section III of the FOA.
- DOE will **not** make eligibility determinations for potential Applicants prior to the date on which Applications to this FOA must be submitted. The decision whether to submit an Application in response to this FOA lies *solely* with the Applicant.

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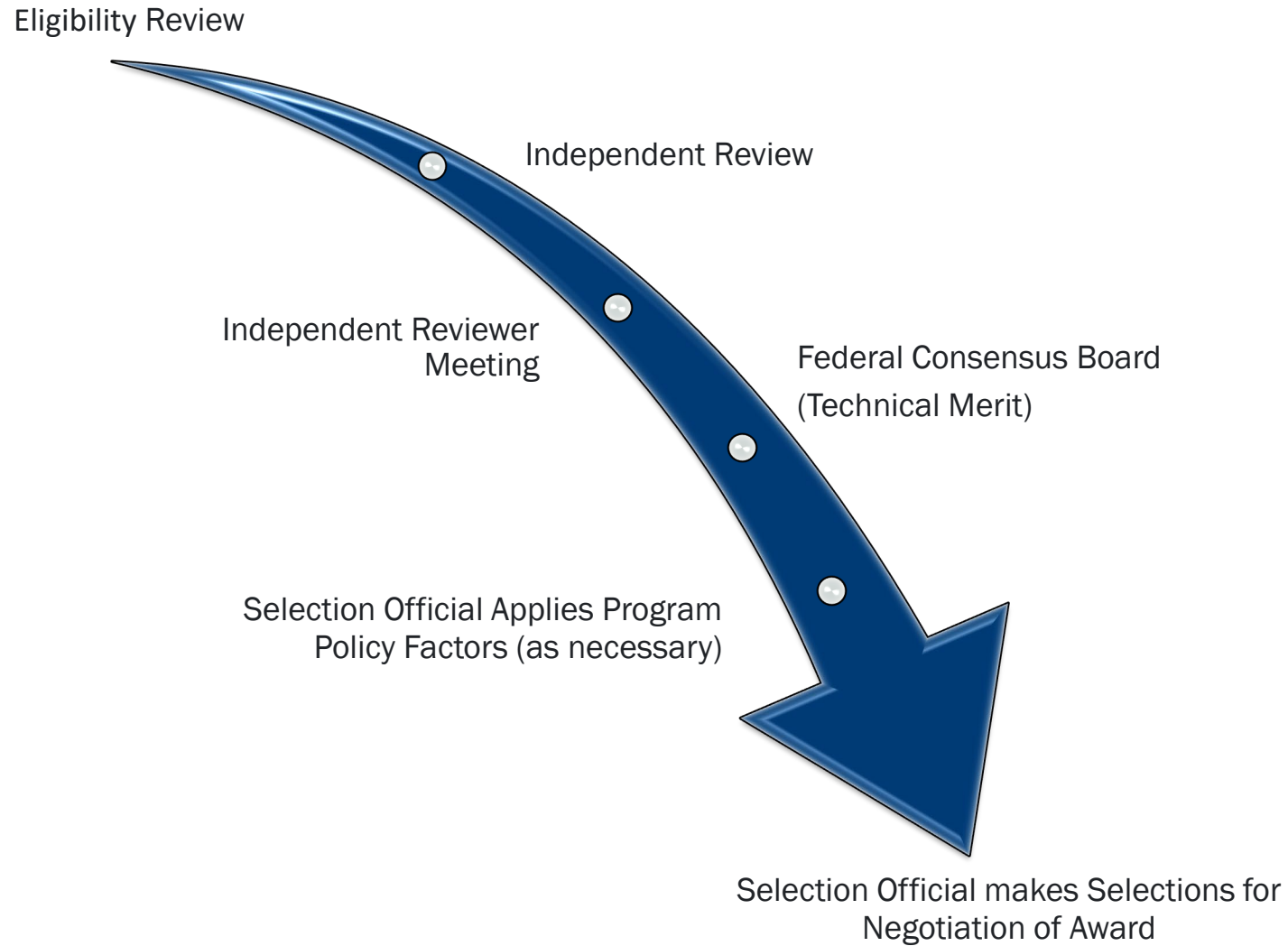
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Merit Review and Selection Process

- The Merit Review and Selection Process consists of a series of reviews including an initial eligibility review, rigorous technical review, and programmatic review.
- Rigorous technical reviews are conducted by reviewers that are experts in the subject matter of the FOA.
- Ultimately, the Selection Official considers the recommendations of the reviewers, along with other considerations such as program policy factors, to make selection decisions.

Merit Review Process



Technical Merit Review Criteria

Criterion	Weight
Criterion 1: Goals and Objectives	15%
Criterion 2: Project Description and Outcomes	40%
Criterion 3: Roles, Responsibilities, Capabilities and Commitment	30%
Criterion 4: Workplan	15%

Program Policy Factors

The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendations, program policy factors, and the amount of funds available in arriving at selection decisions under this FOA.



Program Policy Factors

In addition to the Technical Review Criteria, the Selection Official may consider the following program policy factors (in no particular order) in determining which applications to select for award negotiations:

- The degree to which the proposed project, or group of projects, represent a desired **geographic distribution** (considering past awards and current applications);
- The degree to which the proposed project, including proposed cost share, **optimizes the use of available DOE funding** to achieve programmatic objectives;
- Whether the proposed project(s) **serves tribal communities with high energy costs**;
- Whether the proposed project(s) **serves tribal communities not connected to the traditional centralized electrical power grid**; and,
- Applicants who have **not previously received a grant from the Office of Indian Energy**.

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Registration Requirements

- To apply to this FOA, Applicants must register, create an account, and submit applications through IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>. Applications will only be accepted through IE-Exchange.
- A control number will be assigned while registering in IE-Exchange. Retain this number as it will be required on all application documents.**

Registration Requirement	Website
UEI Number	https://www.sam.gov
SAM	https://www.sam.gov
FedConnect	https://www.fedconnect.net
Grants.gov	http://www.grants.gov

- The Applicant will be required to certify that these registrations have been completed and to include that certification as part of their application. Therefore, it is essential that these registrations be completed as soon as possible as some may take several weeks to process.
- Failure to complete the registrations below prior to submitting an application could result in DOE determining that the Applicant is not qualified to receive a federal award.

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Means of Submission

- Applications **must** be submitted through IE-Exchange at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov>
- DOE will not review or consider applications submitted through any other means
- An *IE-Exchange Applicant Guide* and an *IE-Exchange Registration and Login Guide* can be found at <https://ie-exchange.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>.

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Key Submission Points

- **Check entries in IE-Exchange**
 - Submissions could be deemed ineligible due to an incorrect entry
- DOE strongly encourages Applicants to **submit applications 1-2 days prior to the deadline** to allow for full upload of application documents and to avoid any potential technical issues.
- Make sure you **push the submit button**
 - Any changes made after you push the submit button will un-submit your application and you will need to push the submit button again
- For your records, **print out the IE-Exchange Confirmation page** at each step, which contains the application's Control Number.



Key Submission Points

Protected Personally Identifiable Information

All information provided by the Applicant must to the greatest extent possible exclude Personally Identifiable Information (PII). The term “personally identifiable information” refers to information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as name, social security number, biometric records, etc. alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother’s maiden name, etc. (See OMB Memorandum M-07-16 dated May 22, 2007, found at:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2007/m07-16.pdf>

By way of example, Applicants must screen resumes to ensure that they do not contain PII such as personal addresses, phone/cell numbers, personal emails, or social security numbers. In short, if the PII is not essential to the application, it should not be in the application.

Applicant Points-of-Contact

- Applicants must designate primary and backup points-of-contact in IE-Exchange with whom DOE will communicate during the process.
- These are the contacts that will be used to notify applicants of whether their applications was deemed non-responsive, non-compliant, unsuccessful, or selected for negotiation of an award.



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- Questions about this FOA?
 - Email TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov
 - All Q&As related to this FOA will be posted on the IE-Exchange website. See the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for this particular FOA.
 - DOE will attempt to respond to questions within 3-business days, unless a similar Q&A has already been posted on the website.
 - You will be notified via email when a response to your question has been posted.



Questions

- Problems logging into IE-Exchange or uploading and submitting application documents to IE-Exchange?
 - Email Exchange helpdesk at ExchangeHelp@hq.doe.gov
 - Include the FOA name and number in the subject line
- Questions about this specific FOA?
 - All questions must be in writing.
 - Send any questions specific to the FOA via email to TribalGrants@hq.doe.gov.
 - Please include the FOA number in the subject line.



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- Please download the Funding Opportunity Announcement and read it thoroughly so you understand all the steps and requirements for submitting an application. Do not rely solely on this webinar.
- If you are considering submitting an application, please register in IE-Exchange as soon as possible to obtain a Control Number. This control number must be included on all application documents.
- Check the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on IE-Exchange periodically for any supplemental information or amendments to the FOA.

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Thank you!

