Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Governmental Building Energy Audits &

Training in Building Energy Audit
Technologies

November 13 – 16, 2012

Summary of Sault Tribe



- *** Federally Recognized in 1972
- *** Approximately 40,000 Tribal Members
- **7-County Tribal Service Area**
 - Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan
 - Approximately 1,600 Acres Held in Trust
 - Upper Peninsula 16,452 Square Miles
 - Tribal Service Area 8,573 Square Miles

Project Objectives



** Governmental Building Energy Audits

- Procure qualified provider to conduct energy audits
- Conduct energy audits of 36 governmental buildings
- Review findings from comprehensive energy audits
- Purchase Energy Audit Testing Equipment



*** Training in Building Energy Audit Technologies

- Procure qualified providers to conduct training
- Conduct Blower Door Analysis and Building-As-A-System, Building Envelope, and Infrared Camera training and certification for Tribal personnel

Progress-To-Date & Activities to Come

**** Governmental Building Energy Audits

- Comprehensive Energy Audits in progress
- 36 Energy Audits to be completed by Spring, 2013
- Purchase in progress of two Blower Motor Systems and four Infrared Cameras

*** Training in Building Energy Audit Technologies

- Conducted Blower Door Analysis and Building-As-A-System Training (week of 10/08/12)
- Conducted Building Envelope Training (week of 10/22/12)
- Scheduled Infrared Camera Training in December, 2012

Lessons Learned



Governmental Building Energy Audits

- Facilities personnel have an increased awareness and value for energy audit testing equipment
- Large volume of information needed and analyzed regarding buildings and utilities



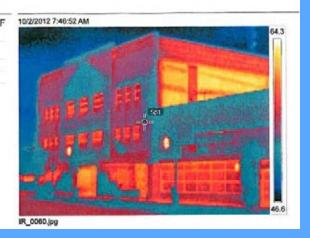
*** Training in Building Energy Audit Technologies

- The course material is more challenging than expected by Facilities personnel
- The courses require invested time studying outside of class time



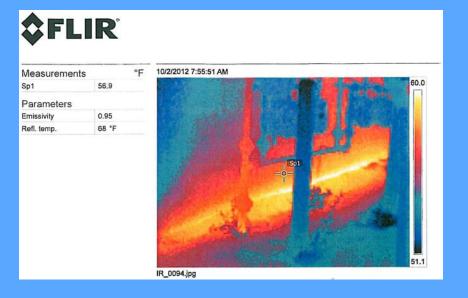


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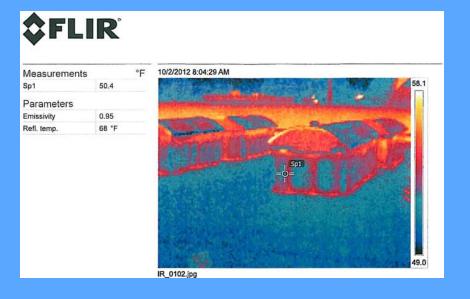








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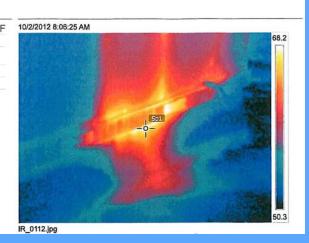




Photo: Testing Set-Up





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Photo: Training



Future Plans

- Develop energy retrofit specifications for each Tribal governmental building based on energy audit findings
- Apply for grants to address Tribal governmental building retrofit needs
- Implement retrofits of Tribal governmental buildings to maximize energy efficiency
- Monitor energy usage of Tribal governmental buildings to ensure maximum efficiency
- Perform routine energy audit testing of Tribal buildings and residential units to maintain efficient operations

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Sault Tribe is implementing energy retrofitting to protect natural resources, improve Tribal membership economic well-being, foster self-sufficiency and sustain operational continuity.

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