

# Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA)

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## Establishment of an Inter-Tribal Technical Assistance Energy Providers Network

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DOE Office of Indian Energy Annual  
Program Review

# Agenda

- Background and Objectives
- Progress to Date
- Future Plans

# MTERA

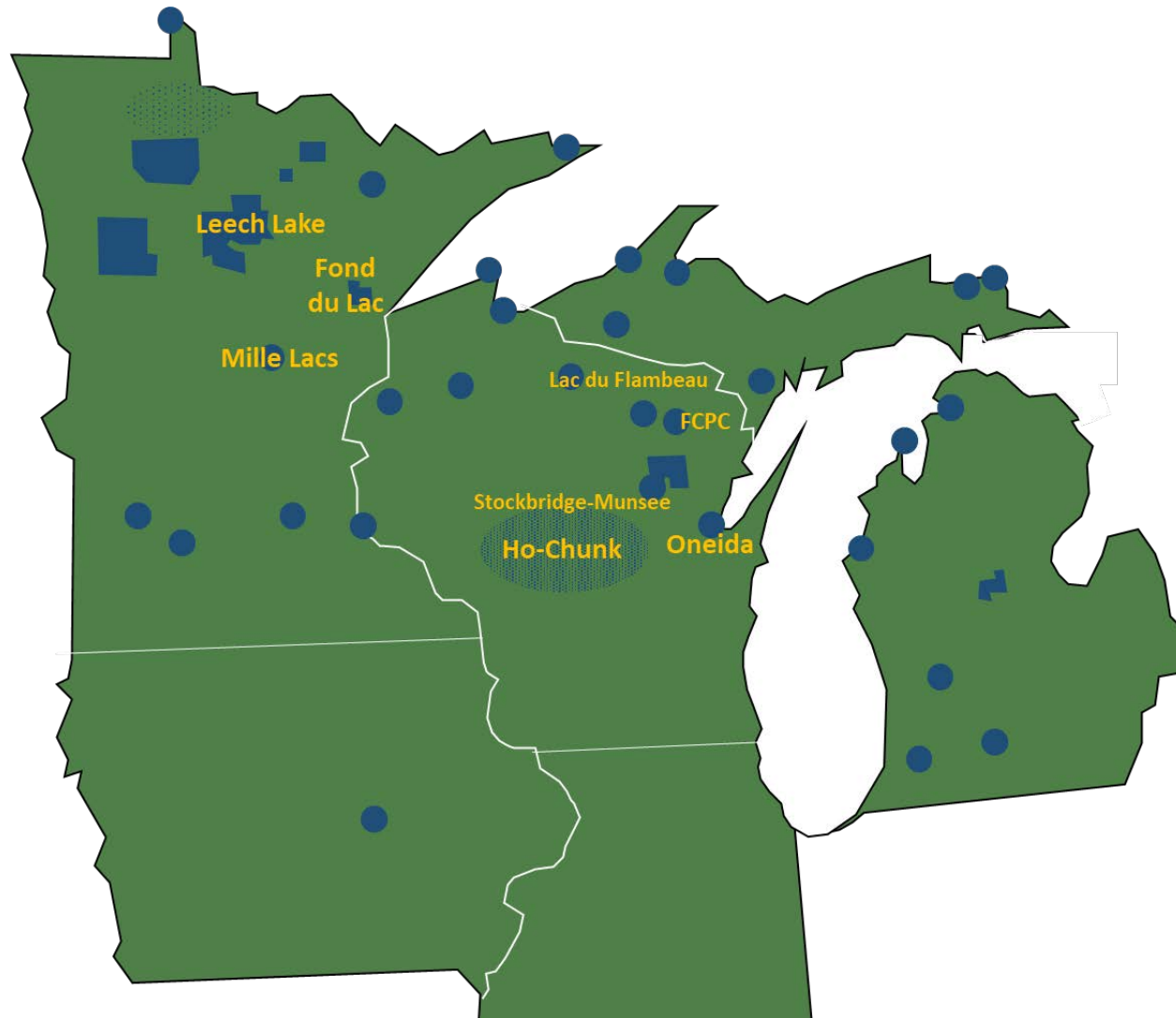
- Inter-Tribal Organization
- Formed in 2014
- Has Grown from 5 to 8 Members
- Shared Energy Goals & Values

Tribal  
Decision-  
Making

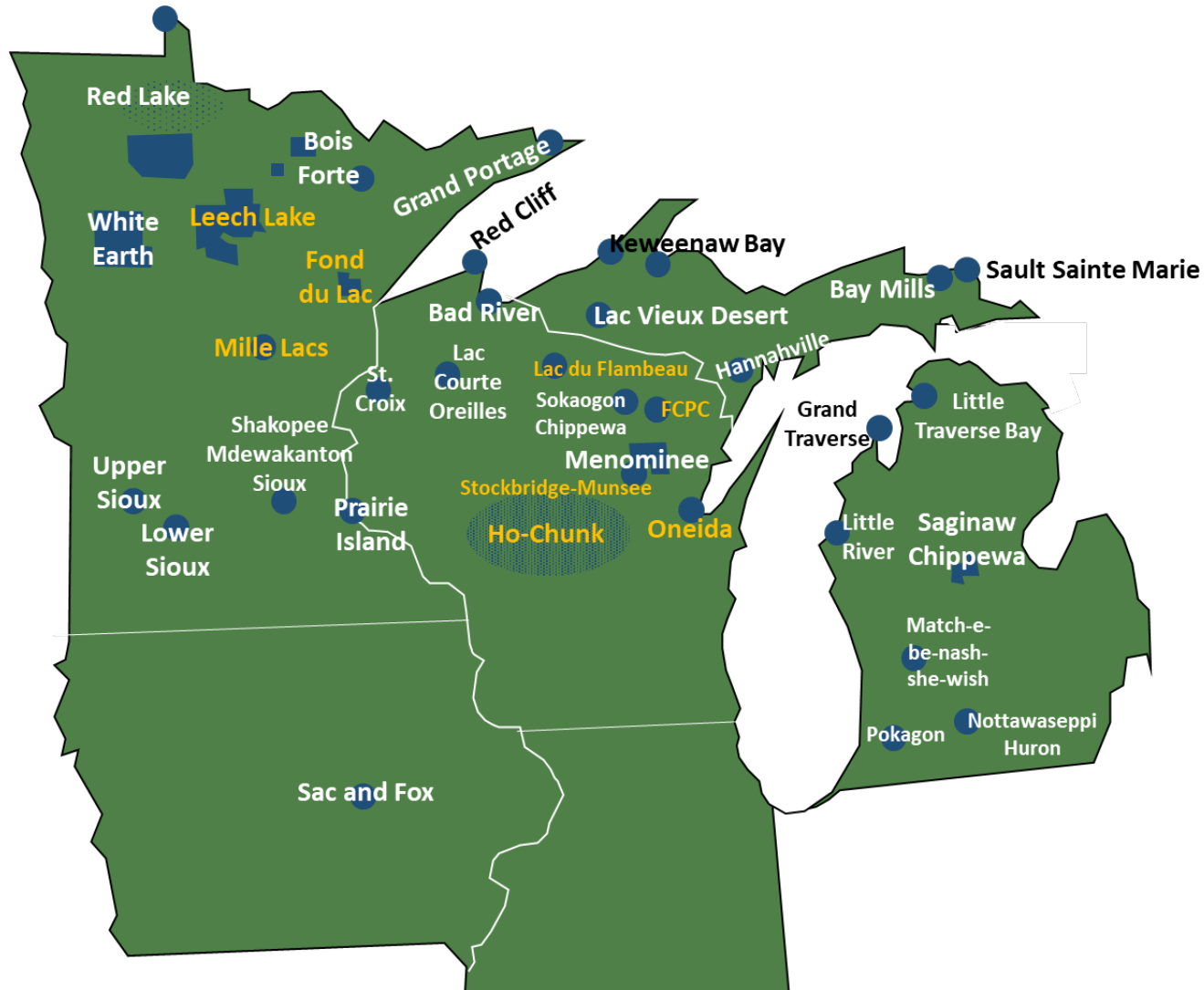
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Strength in  
Numbers

# 8 Member Tribes



# Outreach to All Midwest Tribes



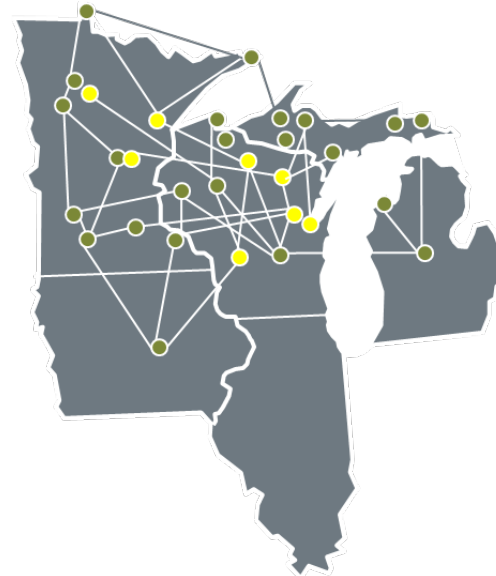
# Energy Landscape

## Current



- Commonwealth Edison Company
- Consumers Energy Company
- DTE Electric Company
- Interstate Power and Light Company
- Minnesota Power
- MidAmerican Energy Company
- Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company
- Upper Peninsula Power Company
- Wisconsin Electric Power Company
- Wisconsin Power and Light Company
- Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
- Xcel Energy

## Future



- Fond du Lac
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac du Flambeau
- Oneida Nation
- Mille Lacs
- Leech Lake
- Stockbridge-Munsee
- New Member Tribe
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# DOE Grant Funding

- Strengthen the Organization
  - Structure
  - Strategic Plan
  - Outreach
  - Education
- Develop Energy Baselines
- Perform Resource Assessments
- Complete Feasibility Studies
  - Member-Tribe Specific
  - Collective Projects

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- Staffing Approach
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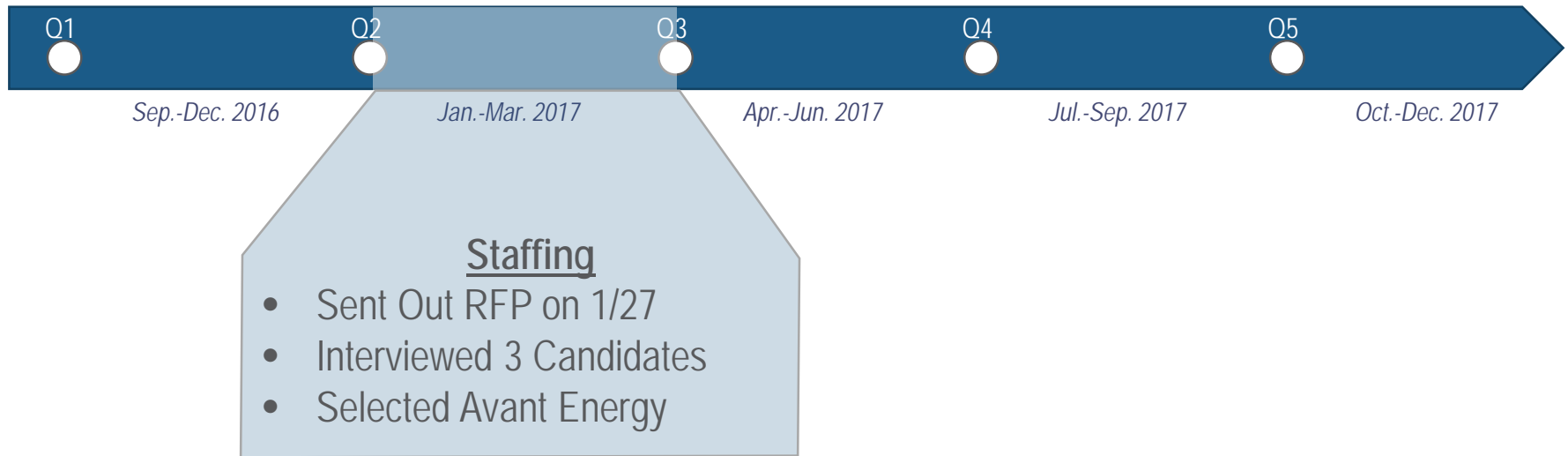




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- Collected Utility Data
- Organized & Analyzed Data
- Developed Baseline Report

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Goals



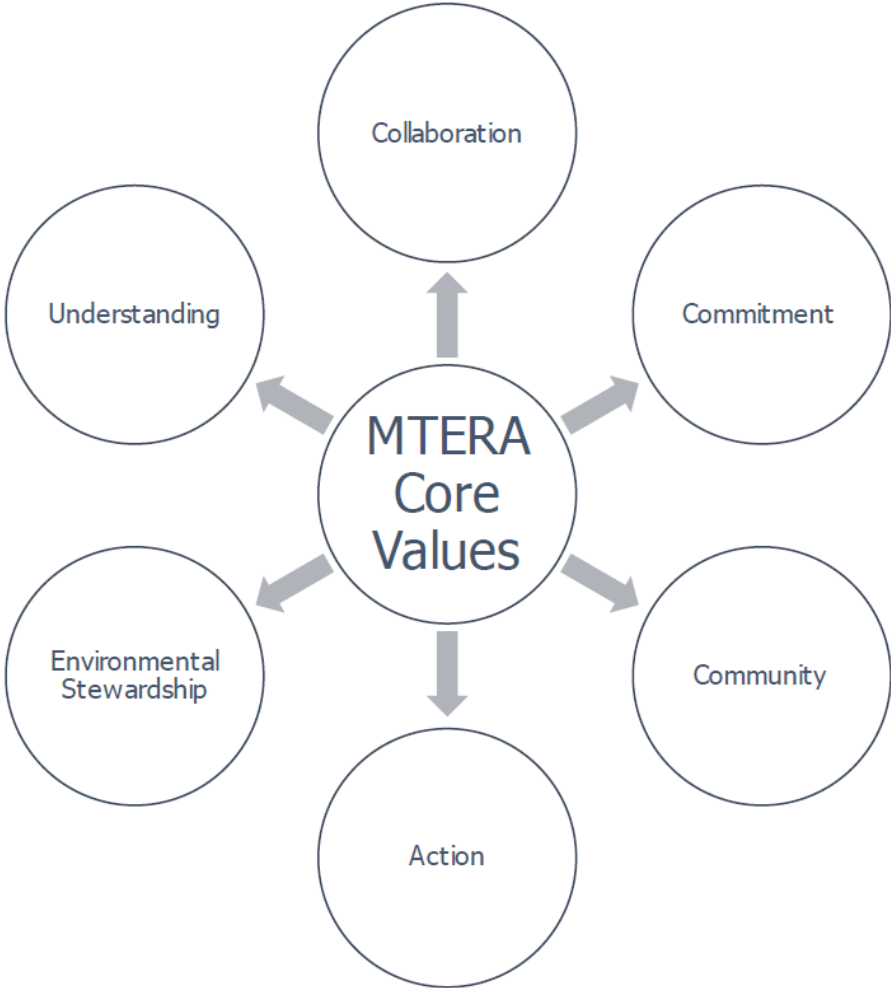
“To **empower** Midwest **Tribes** to  
manage **energy** resources through  
**collective action.**”

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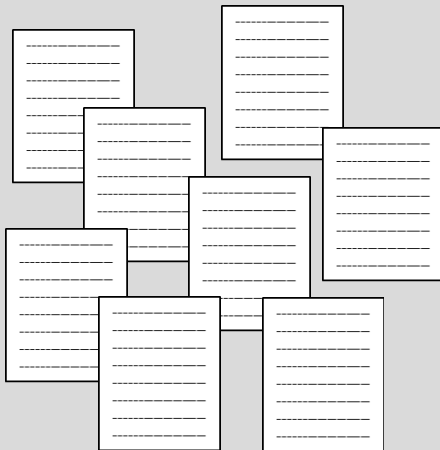
Goals

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- 1 Environmentally Responsible
  - 2 Financially Self-Sufficient
  - 3 Strong Organizational Structure
  - 4 Collective Actions
  - 5 Technical Understanding of Energy Alternatives
  - 6 Energy Leader in Midwest w/ National and Global Perspective
  - 7 Growth in Membership and Engagement

# Baseline Assessments

- Objectives:**
- 1) Develop Simple, Visual Communication
  - 2) Lay Foundation for Energy Priorities
  - 3) Incentivize New Member Tribes

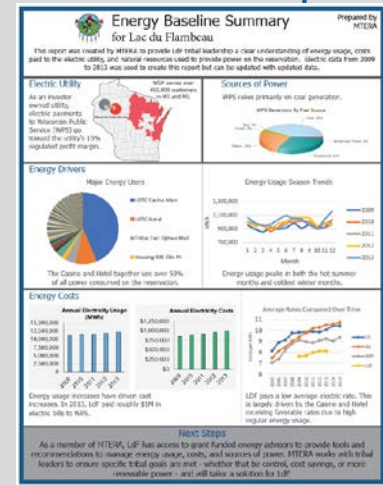
## Collect Bills



## Organize Data



## Develop Baseline Report



# Future Plans

Outreach

Identify Projects

Take Action

Website

**TRIBAL ENERGY INITIATIVES**

- FOND DU LAC**  
Reduced Fossil Fuel Dependence by 46%  
Franken Impressed with Reservation's Renewable Energy
- Forest County Potawatomi Community**  
A Leader in Tribal Energy Initiatives  
Solar, Biogas, & Energy Efficiency
- ONEIDA**  
Taking Action to Support Renewable Opportunities on Reservation

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- SEPT. 9 - 10** SOLAR TRAINING at ONEIDA NATION  
Intermediate to advanced level of training. Dates are not confirmed, estimated to be week of October 16 or October 23. For more information, contact Mike Troge.
- OCT. 16** ENERGY FAIR in MINNEAPOLIS  
Sustainability living and renewable projects. Bruno Zagar to send more information.
- NOV. 13-17** THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) OFFICE OF INDIAN ENERGY is hosting its annual Program Review Nov. 13-17, 2017, at the Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel in Denver, CO.

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Meetings with Midwest Tribes

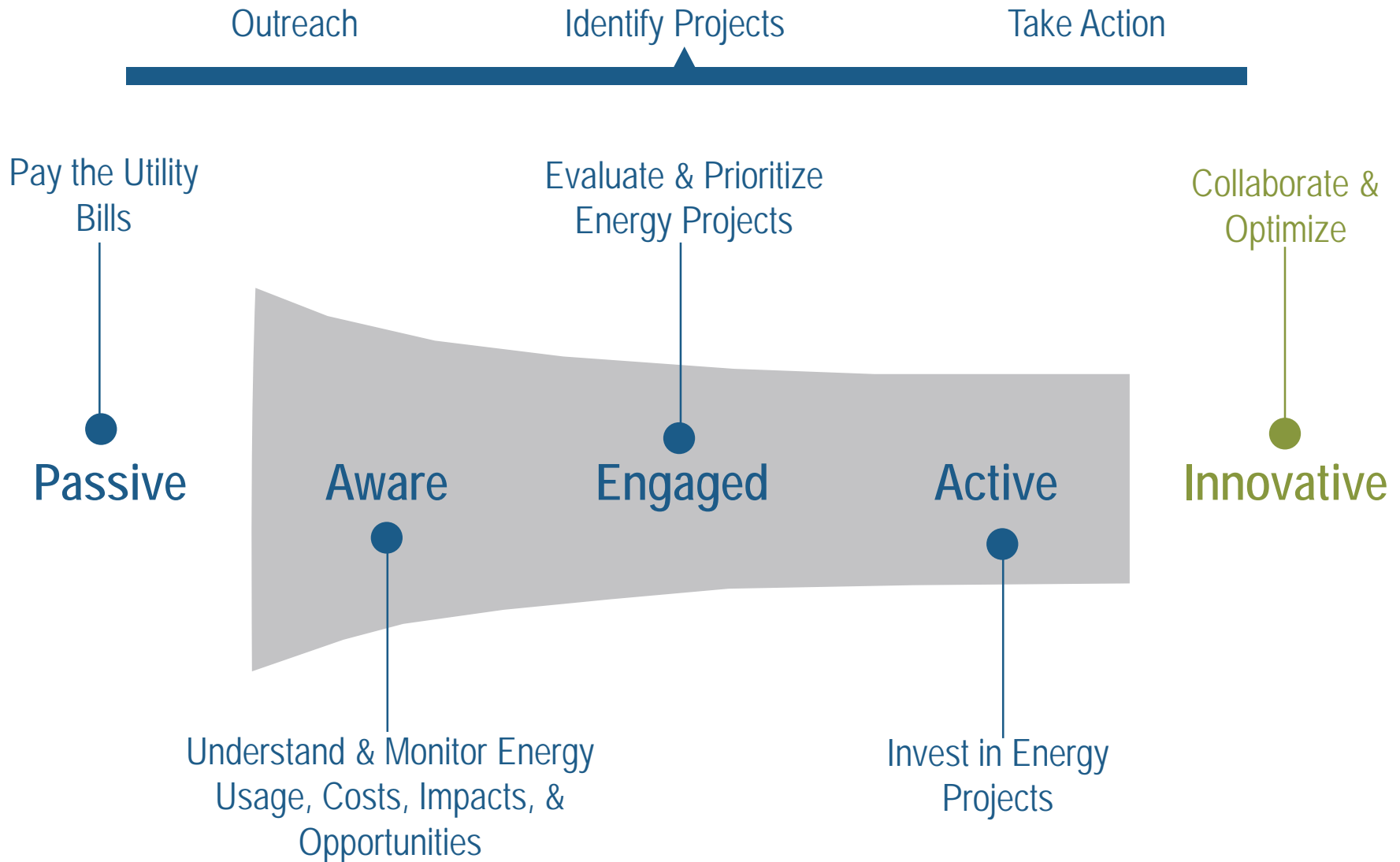


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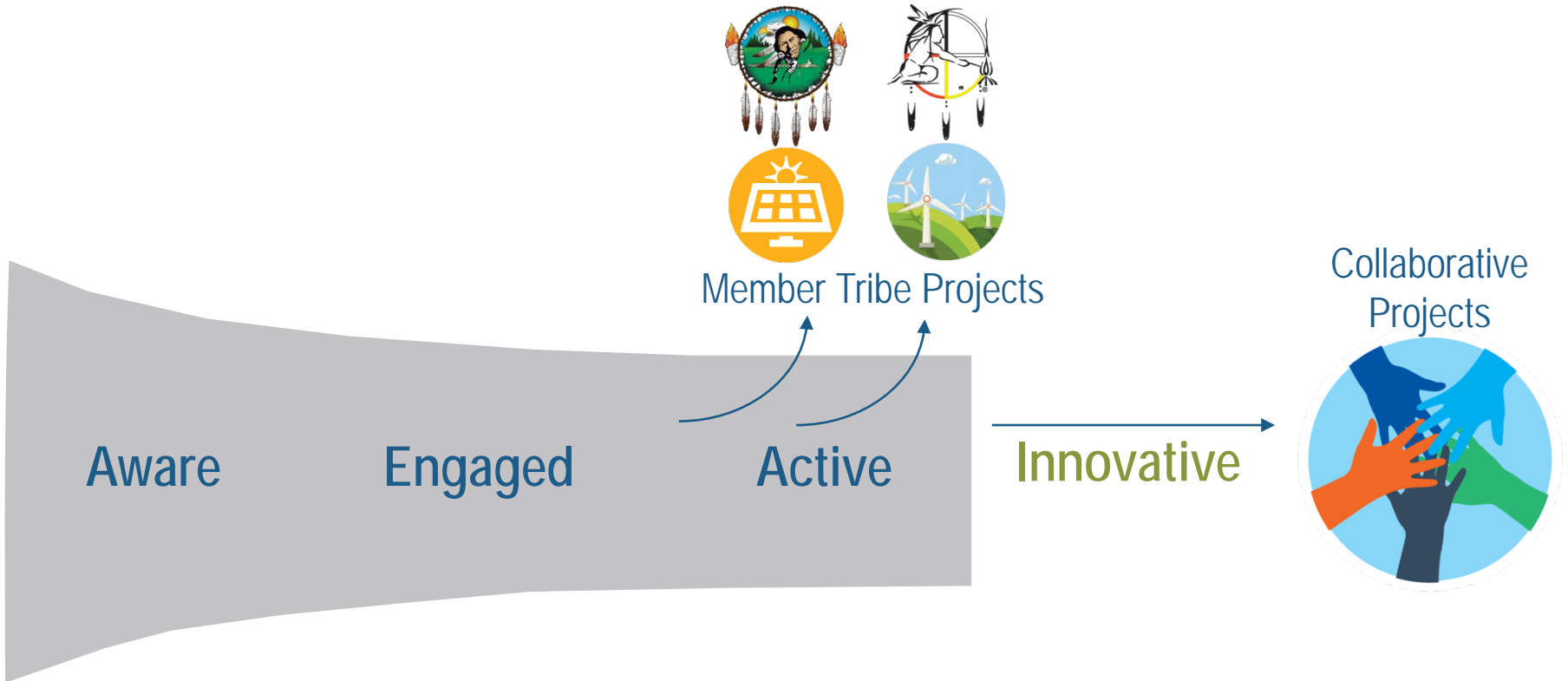


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Questions?