Tribal Energy Development Capacity [TEDC] Grant

The Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) annually provides tribes an opportunity to participate in the Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program. The purpose of the TEDC grant program is to develop tribal managerial, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Indian land. The TEDC grant gives tribes the ability to develop or enhance their business and regulatory environment for energy resource development.

This program provides financial assistance for tribes to:

1) Establish business entity structures and/or organizational structures related to energy resource development; and/or
2) Develop or enhance key regulatory activities

Activities Eligible for TEDC Grant Funding:

1) Eligible business entity formation activities
   - Developing legal infrastructure for business formation;
   - Establishing tribally chartered corporations under tribal corporation codes with an energy resource development focus;
   - Establishing tribal business charters under federal law (IRA Section 17 corporation).

2) Eligible regulatory activities:
   - Developing or enhancing tribal policies, codes, regulations, or ordinances related to regulating and developing energy resource(s), including land lease regulations enacted pursuant to the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act for energy development purposes or for business purposes attendant to an energy project.
   - Adopting secured transaction codes and subsequent joint power agreement with the tribe’s respective state.

For more information visit the TEDC webpage: bit.ly/tedcgrant
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Division of Energy & Mineral Development

About us:

The Division of Energy and Mineral Development provides the best technical and economic advice and services to assist Indian mineral owners in gaining economic self-sufficiency by creating sustainable economies through the environmentally sound development of their energy and mineral resources. Indian reservations – largely unexplored lands – hold vast natural resources, and our staff members are uniquely poised to offer services no other agency can provide.

Currently we offer technical advice in assisting tribes to explore and develop nearly 2 million acres of energy and mineral resources. An additional 15 million acres of undeveloped lands could hold the potential for further energy and mineral exploration.

The Division is committed to identify tribal needs and how they best fit with their long-term desires. Once identified, the Division helps tribes build their resources by finding the best companies to fit with tribal goals. The Division also helps Indians diversify and re-invest their money with other profitable enterprises that can create employment for their people.

We are uniquely poised to offer energy and mineral solutions that no other government agency can provide - on the reservation, where it counts.