

## Listening Session on Tribal Power Preference

### Polling Questions

#### **Section 1: Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity and Tribal Majority Owned Businesses<sup>1</sup>**

**Description: The availability of tribal majority owned businesses specializing in energy and resource production with interest in the development of carbon pollution-free electricity generation.**

1. Is there a tribal majority owned business in your community that develops electricity generation?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  
2. If there are tribal majority owned businesses in your community that develop electricity generation, has the potential for wind, solar, hydro, or other carbon pollution-free resources been quantified?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Not applicable
  
3. If there are tribal majority owned businesses in your community that develop electricity generation, what types, if any, of electricity generation do they currently own? (Select all that apply)
  - a. Carbon pollution-free electricity (e.g. solar, wind, hydro)
  - b. Conventional electricity (e.g. coal, oil, gas)
  - c. Mix of both
  - d. None
  - e. Don't know
  - f. Not applicable
  
4. If there are tribal majority owned businesses in your community that develop electricity

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<sup>1</sup> A tribal majority owned business organization includes an "energy and resource production enterprise, partnership, consortium, corporation or other type of business organization the majority of the interest in which is owned and controlled by 1 or more Indian tribes." 25 U.S.C. § 3502(d), "Preference".

generation, were these energy projects placed in service on or after October 1, 2021, either as a new resource or as new capacity at an existing resource modified to increase output?

- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Not applicable
5. If there are tribal majority owned businesses in your community that develop electricity generation, do those businesses plan to build new energy projects?
- a. Carbon pollution-free electricity (e.g. solar, wind, hydro)
  - b. Conventional electricity (e.g. coal, oil, gas)
  - c. Mix of both
  - d. None
  - e. Don't know
  - f. Not applicable
6. If there are no tribal majority owned businesses in your community that develop electricity generation, is there any interest in doing so?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
  - d. Not applicable
7. Are there any programs or policies that exist in your community that support the deployment of carbon pollution-free electricity (e.g., net-metering, education programs, rebates)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know
8. If programs or policies exist, what types of programs and/or policies exist locally that support the deployment of carbon pollution-free electricity technologies? (Select all that apply)
- a. Net-metering
  - b. Financial such as rebates or tax credits
  - c. Third-party ownership
  - d. Local codes
  - e. Education and/or training
  - f. Other (please clarify in chat box)

9. What obstacles exist for a tribal majority owned business selling new clean energy generation?
  - a. Funding for new projects
  - b. Training or workforce development
  - c. Unknown how to find opportunities to sell carbon pollution-free electricity
  - d. Unknown how to find opportunities to compete
  - e. Lack of interest to sell carbon pollution-free electricity
  - f. Lack of infrastructure to generate or transmit carbon pollution-free electricity
  - g. Economic considerations that will impact the competitiveness of your carbon pollution-free electricity
  - h. State regulatory restrictions or utility relationships
  - i. Other (please clarify in the chat box)
  
10. What resources would help tribal majority owned businesses sell electricity to the government?
  - a. Training on specific topics
  - b. Mentor-protégé support
  - c. Incubator program
  - d. Other (please clarify in the chat box)

## **Section 2: Tribal Purchase Preference**

**Description: The interest and availability of utilizing the Tribal Purchase Preference to sell carbon pollution-free electricity to the federal government.**

1. Are you aware of the Preference for Federal Agencies to purchase electricity or any other energy product or byproduct from tribal majority owned businesses for competitive market price and conditions?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  
2. Does your community have the interest in and capability to sell electricity generated from clean energy to the Federal Government?
  - a. Our community is interested but doesn't currently have the capability
  - b. Our community is both interested and has the capability
  - c. Our community is not interested or does not have the capability
  
3. If so, how much power would your community want to sell?
  - a. Less than 1 MW
  - b. Between 1 MW and 10 MW

- c. Between 10 MW and 100 MW
  - d. Greater than 100 MW
  - e. Not applicable
4. Would you be interested in participating in a pilot to exercise the Power Purchase Preference?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
5. Which of the following types of contracts is your community most familiar with for selling electricity to the federal government?
- a. Offsite special contracts for new construction generation
  - b. Offsite special contracts for existing generation
  - c. Commodity purchases through the General Services Administration (GSA) or Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
  - d. Other (please clarify in the chat box)
6. Does your community have agreements in place with a non-tribal utility(s) (e.g. right-of-way, interconnection agreement, Western Area Power Authority [WAPA] allocation)?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know

### **Section 3: Workforce**

**Description: Participation of tribal members in the electric utility workforce, including the workforce for construction and maintenance of renewable energy resources and carbon pollution-free electricity resources**

1. Are there tribal members in your community that are directly a part of the energy job sector?
- a. Yes (if an estimate of total tribal members in the energy job sector is known, please clarify in chat box)
  - b. No
2. Is training and/or education needed to develop capacity for jobs in the energy sector?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Maybe (please clarify in the chat box)
3. What training and/or education for energy technology is needed to support these

types of jobs for tribal members? (Select all that apply)

- a. Renewable energy
  - b. Conventional energy
  - c. Operations and maintenance
  - d. Weatherization and/or energy efficiency
  - e. Information technology or telecommunications
  - f. Electrical and transmission line infrastructure
  - g. Other (please clarify in the chat box)
4. What training and/or education for logistics is needed to support these types of jobs for tribal members? (Select all that apply)
- a. Business development
  - b. Project development
  - c. Interconnection
  - d. Utility partnerships
  - e. Government contracts, procurement processes, how to respond to federal solicitations.
  - f. Commodity markets
  - g. Other (please clarify in the chat box)
5. What training and/or education format would be helpful to support these types of jobs for tribal members?
- a. Webinars
  - b. In-person training
  - c. Online or printed resources
  - d. Other (please clarify in the chat box)
6. Does your community organize into unions or apprenticeship programs to train their workforce?
- a. Unions
  - b. Apprenticeship programs
  - c. Other (please clarify in the chat box)