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Dear Alaska Native Leader:

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) is seeking your input on how to streamline and advance renewable energy development. To collect this feedback, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has launched the Renewable Energy Accelerated Deployment Initiative (READI). The READI aims to engage with Alaska Natives and Alaska Native entities and to inform decision makers of your visions and needs regarding your renewable energy development plans.

Through the BIA Office of Trust Services, Indian Energy Service Center, and Division of Energy and Mineral Development, the Department will hold a Tribal listening session for Alaska Natives and Alaska Native entities to hear directly from you about renewable energy resource needs and priorities. The listening session will be guided by the following discussion prompts:

1. What is your vision for renewable energy development?
2. What obstacles or challenges hinder your renewable energy development?
3. What additional resources are needed to implement your vision for renewable energy development?
4. What additional resources are needed to sustain your vision for renewable energy development?
5. How can the BIA best support your renewable energy development visions and plans?

To support engagement dialogue, BIA developed a comprehensive literature report about renewable energy development and deployment on Indian lands. The report reviews current Federal programs, regulations, and guidance documents. This document is available for your review and reference at <https://www.bia.gov/readi>.

The Alaska Native engagement session will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 30, 2023	3 P.M. – 5 P.M. AT	Alaska BIA Providers Conference Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center 600 W 7th Ave Anchorage, AK 99501

You may also provide written comments by 11:59pm AT on Friday, December 22, 2023. Comments can be submitted by emailing [READI@bia.gov](mailto:READI@bia.gov).

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Jennifer Reimann, at [jennifer.reimann@bia.gov](mailto:jennifer.reimann@bia.gov), or by phone at (720) 701-2358.

We appreciate your time and look forward to learning more about your Tribe's interests and needs related to clean, renewable energy development.

Sincerely,

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