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Dear Tribal 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) is launching the Renewable Energy Accelerated Deployment Initiative (READI). The READI aims to engage with Tribes and to inform decision makers of Tribal visions and needs regarding Tribal 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 sessions (hybrid and virtual) to hear directly from you about renewable energy resource needs and priorities. Each listening session will be guided by the following discussion prompts:

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

To support engagement dialogue, BIA developed a comprehensive literature report about renewable energy development and deployment on Tribal 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>.

Tribal engagement sessions will be held on the following dates.

Date	Time	Location/Connectivity
Monday, August 21, 2023	1 P.M. – 5 P.M. CT	Hybrid (In-person and virtual attendance available) Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa, 777 W Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK 74015
Thursday, August 24, 2023	1 P.M. – 5 P.M. PT	Hybrid (In-person and virtual attendance available) In the California/Pacific Area Specific Location to be Determined
Monday, August 28, 2023	1 P.M. – 5 P.M. PT	Hybrid (In-person and virtual attendance available) Wild Horse Resort & Casino 46510 Wildhorse Blvd. Pendleton, OR 97801
Wednesday/Thursday, September 6/7, 2023	1 P.M. – 5 P.M. ET Both days	Virtual only meeting

Date	Time	Location/Connectivity
Monday, September 11, 2023	1 P.M. – 5 P.M. MT	Hybrid (In-person and virtual attendance available) National Indian Programs Training Center 1011 Indian School RD NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
September 2023 Date to be Determined	Time to be Determined	Hybrid (In-person and virtual attendance available) In the Midwest or Eastern Area Specific Location to be Determined

Please register in advance for any of the above-listed engagement sessions using this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bia-readi-tribal-engagement-sessions-tickets-664857686237>.

Invitational travel funding is available for a limited number of Tribal representatives to attend one of the in-person engagement sessions. For the travel funding information and arrangements, please send a request to READI@bia.gov. Invitational travel funding is limited, so please register as early as possible to secure travel funding.

You may also provide written comments by 11:59pm ET on Friday, September 15, 2023. Comments can be submitted by emailing READI@bia.gov or completing a written comment form available at <https://www.bia.gov/readi>.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Jennifer Reimann, at 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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