Federal Incentives & Loan Programs for Energy and Mineral Projects

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DEMD Areas of Expertise

Division of Energy and Mineral Development

**Minerals**
- Construction aggregate projects
- Precious metals
- Coal

**Renewable Energy and Distributed Generation**
- Wind
- Solar
- Biomass
- Hydro
- Natural Gas

**Geothermal & Conventional Energy**
- Geothermal
- Oil & Gas
- Coal

**Business Development**
- Tribal Business Structures
- Financial Analysis
- Good Governance Practices

Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP)

- Annual grant program
- Competitive
- Any type of energy or minerals
  - Renewable Energy
  - Conventional Energy
  - Mineral
- Pre-development work only
  - Resource Assessment/Exploration studies
  - Feasibility studies
  - Market studies
  - Engineering studies
Tribal Energy Development Capacity Program (TEDC)

- Open Now
- Grant program to develop tribal managerial, organizational and technical capacity to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Indian land
  - Establish business entity structures and/or organizational structures related to energy resource development Business development capacity
  - Develop or enhance key regulatory activities
Business entity formation activities (TEDC)

Examples:

• Developing legal infrastructure for business formation
  – Establishing tribally chartered corporations under tribal corporation codes
  – Establishing tribal business charters under federal law (IRA Section 17 corporation)
Regulatory Activities (TEDC)

Examples:

• Developing or enhancing tribal policies, codes, regulations, or ordinances related to regulating and developing energy resource(s)
  – Land lease regulations for energy development purposes
  – Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act

http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OTS/HEARTH/index.htm

• Drafting and adopting UCC MTSTA, secured transaction codes and subsequent joint power agreement with the tribe’s respective state.
Federal Financial Resources

- Federal Loan Programs
  - Indian Loan Guarantee Program
    - 90% Loan Guarantee
    - Must be 51% Indian Owned
    - Since 1974 has guaranteed more than $1 Billion in loans
    - ~$80-$100 Million average annual appropriation
    - Can be used for Renewable Energy Projects
      - [http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm](http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm)
  - Comprehensive list of Loan Programs: