



## Enhancing Tribal Energy Security and Clean Energy

### What Is START?

The Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program is part of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs (Office of Indian Energy) effort to assist in the development of tribal renewable energy projects. Through START, Tribes in the 48 contiguous states and Alaska can apply for and are selected to receive technical assistance from DOE to move projects closer to implementation.

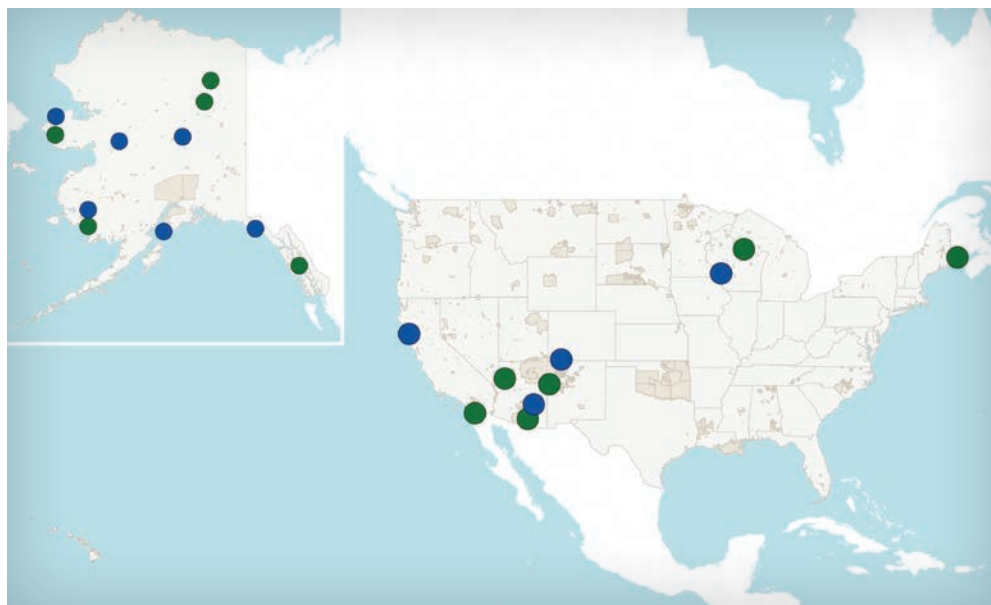
The START Program seeks to spur clean energy project development by providing Tribes with tools and resources needed to foster energy self-sufficiency, sustainability, and economic competitiveness. START assists tribal leadership with project development and financing and helps tribal communities strategically plan their energy future.

### What Does START Do?

Through the START program, the DOE Office of Indian Energy works directly with tribal communities to evaluate project financial and technical feasibility, provide ongoing training to community members, and help implement a variety of clean energy projects, including energy storage infrastructure, renewable energy deployment, and energy efficiency.

*"The START Program helps Native American and Alaska Native communities enhance their energy security and create job opportunities in the clean energy economy. Building upon the achievements and lessons learned from the program's first round, our new technical assistance awards for clean energy projects will help more tribal communities across the country deploy sustainable energy resources and increase local generation capacity."*

—Director Tracey A. LeBeau  
DOE Office of Indian Energy



#### 2012 START Program Project Sites

Arctic Village Council  
Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Nation  
Forest County Potawatomi Community  
Hualapai Tribe  
Native Village of Kwinhagak  
Native Village of Teller  
Organized Village of Kake  
Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indian Township and Pleasant Point  
Pueblo of Zuni  
Venetie Village Council

#### 2013 START Program Project Sites

Chugachmiut Regional Corporation  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
Native Village of Kongiganak  
Native Village of Koyukuk  
Native Village of Minto  
Native Village of Shishmaref  
Pinoleville Pomo Nation  
San Carlos Apache Tribe  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Yakutat T'lingit Tribe

### START 2012

In 2012, the DOE Office of Indian Energy launched the START Program and delivered customized on-site technical expertise to support six Tribes in the 48 contiguous states in pursuing the development and financing of specific renewable energy projects. Additionally, in partnership with the Denali Commission, the DOE Office of Indian Energy supported community-based energy planning and staff training for five Alaska Native villages.

### START 2013

The START 2013 effort will continue to provide assistance to further advance Native American and Alaska Native communities' efforts to increase local energy generation capacity, improve energy efficiency, and create local entrepreneurial and job opportunities.

START 2013 projects were selected through a competitive application process. Between January 30 and March 15, 2013, 42 Indian Tribes in the 48 contiguous states and Alaska submitted applications to receive on-the-ground technical support through START. Technical assistance activities are scheduled for summer and fall 2013 and will focus on the following efforts.



## Renewable Energy Project Development Assistance

The START team will help four Tribes in the 48 contiguous states, as well as an Alaska Native Regional Corporation, move community- and commercial-scale projects closer to implementation. This includes working directly with the tribal project team and tribal legal/finance specialists who address or will address late-stage project development decisions, negotiations, and agreements.

## Alaska Native Community Energy Planning and Projects

In Alaska, the START team, led by the DOE Office of Indian Energy in partnership with the Denali Commission, the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will provide technical assistance with community-based energy planning, energy awareness and training programs, and clean energy deployment and financing

opportunities. Each village is also eligible for up to \$250,000 in financial assistance to deploy a renewable energy or energy efficiency project, supported by DOE's Tribal Energy grant program.

## More Information











Learn more about the START projects at [energy.gov/indianenergy/resources/start-program](http://energy.gov/indianenergy/resources/start-program).

## START Projects

### 2012

Tribe	Location	Project
Arctic Village Council	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	California	 Commercial-Scale Wind Farm
Forest County Potawatomi Community	Wisconsin	 Community-Scale Biomass
Hualapai Tribe	Arizona	 Solar PV Micro-Grid System
Native Village of Kwinhagak	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Native Village of Teller	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Organized Village of Kake	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Arizona	 Facility-Scale Solar PV System
Passamaquoddy Tribes of Indian Township and Pleasant Point	Maine	 Commercial-Scale Wind Farm
Pueblo of Zuni	New Mexico	 Community-Scale Solar PV System
Venetie Village Council	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects

### 2013

Tribe	Location	Project
Chugachmiut Regional Corporation	Alaska	 Community-Scale Biomass
Ho-Chunk Nation	Wisconsin	 Community-Scale Biomass
Native Village of Kongiganak	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Native Village of Koyukuk	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Native Village of Minto	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Native Village of Shishmaref	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects
Pinoleville Pomo Nation	California	 Community-Scale Solar
San Carlos Apache Tribe	Arizona	 Facility-Scale Solar PV System
Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Colorado	 Community-Scale Solar PV System
Yakutat T'lingit Tribe	Alaska	 Community Energy Planning and Clean Energy Projects



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Through the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Department of Energy, through the Office of Indian Energy, is authorized to fund and implement a variety of programmatic activities that assist Tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations with energy development, capacity building, energy infrastructure, reduction of energy costs, and electrification of Indian lands and homes. The Office also oversees tribal grants to support the evaluation, development, and deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on tribal lands that help save energy, expand the use of clean energy resources, and promote tribal economic development.

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