



Tribal Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity (CFE)

Pilot Summary

BACKGROUND: As part of its second Tribal National Summit on November 30, 2022, the Biden-Harris Administration [announced](#) its commitment to ensuring that investments in the clean energy economy reach Tribal lands.

As part of this commitment, the Administration announced that “[the Department of Energy]—in coordination with the [White House Council on Native American Affairs] and with involvement from [the Department of Defense and GSA]—will launch a new initiative to increase federal agencies’ use of Tribal energy through purchasing authority established by statute.”

Additionally, the Administration announced that “GSA will lead a pilot focused on Tribal energy production to develop procurement strategies.”

PURCHASING CFE: GSA intends to use the information generated from this consultation in support of the goals expressed in Section 203 of [Executive Order \(EO\) 14057](#), Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability (December 8, 2021). This EO sets a goal of achieving 100% CFE for facility electrical energy use on an annual basis by 2030, including 50% on a 24/7 basis. Section 603(d) of the EO defines CFE as “electrical energy produced from resources that generate no carbon emissions, including marine energy, solar, wind, hydrokinetic (including tidal, wave, current, and thermal), geothermal, hydroelectric, nuclear, renewably sourced hydrogen, and electrical energy generation from fossil resources to the extent there is active capture and storage of carbon dioxide emissions that meets EPA requirements.” Additionally, in accordance with Section 4.2.5 of the EO 14057 Implementing Instructions issued by the White House Council on Environmental Quality, in order to count towards the EO’s CFE goals, the CFE must be from generation resources that were 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; and must be delivered to the same grid region of Federal facility consumption.

In furtherance of this goal, GSA will lead a pilot focused on Tribal energy production to develop procurement strategies.

Consultation Objectives:

1. Understand the capabilities of Tribal Nations in producing CFE.
2. Learn about the challenges involved with implementing infrastructure and then selling CFE on Tribal lands or through Tribal businesses.



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3. Learn about success stories of CFE projects in Tribal Nations.
4. Understand how Tribal Nations partner with the private sector and state and local governments for CFE deployment.

Responses to this consultation will inform GSA's development of the pilot referenced above.

Comments can be submitted in person during the consultation or by email at tribalaffairs@gsa.gov. Please use the subject line "GSA 2023 TRIBAL CONSULTATION COMMENTS SUBMISSION." Registration for the RES 2023 event is not required to participate in the consultation. However, we do ask that you register for the consultation through our website at <https://www.gsa.gov/resources/native-american-tribes> or on-site so we can have an accurate picture of tribal representation at the meeting.