



**Department of the Interior
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Tribal Energy Transmission System Planning Workshop

A two-day tribal energy transmission system planning workshop will be held May 19th & 20th, 2010 in Bismarck, ND. This two-day workshop will provide information and guidance on planning and developing corridors for energy transmission system projects on tribal lands, including both electricity transmission and pipeline projects.

The workshop will provide an overview of the multiple steps involved in transmission projects, guidance on how to address environmental and siting issues, and information about resources available to tribes to assist in developing designated corridors for such projects.

The workshop is designed to assist tribal leaders, staff of tribal resource management departments, and Federal employees that work with tribes. Some of the specific workshop elements include:

- Sessions on transmission system planning and interconnection requirements presented by the Western Area Power Administration.
- Detailed guidance for tribes on identifying and designating the most appropriate corridors for electric transmission lines and oil and gas pipelines presented by Argonne National Laboratory.
- Access to representatives from the BIA Office of Trust Services and DOI Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.
- Presentations about the Department of Energy Tribal Energy Program and Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.
- An overview of the role of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Space is limited to 30 participants. To pre-register for the course, please contact Rosalyn Worthan at 202-208-3567 or rosalyn.worthan@bia.gov. The alternate contact person is Kevin Tennyson at 202-513-0815 or kevin.tennyson@bia.gov.