

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant; Solicitation of Proposals

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (“Secretary”), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized Tribal entities for the Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant. The TEDC grant seeks to build Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on Indian land. Grants may fund development of organizational and business structures for energy development, as well as legal and regulatory infrastructure. Certified Local Governments are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America’s 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, preservation 2 planning, interpretation, public engagement, and rehabilitation projects that recognize and honor the nation’s founding, history, and cultural heritage.

New TERA Pathways Topic Area - As part of this solicitation, applicants may elect to pursue activities aligned with the TERA Pathways Initiative, a strategic capacity building effort focused on supporting Tribal progress toward energy self-determination under the Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA) framework. Applications should specify if they are applying for this topic area.

DATES: Applications will be accepted until 11:59 pm ET on July 16, 2026 in grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Energy and Mineral Development, 13922 Denver West Pkwy, Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80401; email: tedcgrants@bia.gov.

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I. General Information

- a. Award Ceiling: \$450,000
- b. Award Floor: \$10,000
- c. CFDA Number: 15.148
- d. Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: No
- e. Number of Awards: 15-30
- f. Category: Energy and Minerals

- I. **Applicant Eligibility.** Only Indian Tribes and Tribal Energy Development Organizations (TEDOs) are eligible to receive TEDC grants for projects on Indian land, as provided under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended, and codified under sections 3501-3503 of title 25 of the United States Code (25 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3503). TEDC grants may only fund projects occurring on Indian land as defined in the under 25 U.S.C. § 3501. All grant applications must be accompanied by a Tribal resolution stating the Tribe’s commitment to fully comply with grant award requirements and identifying the Tribal grant lead point of contact. Section VII, Paragraph F(a), “Resolution,” below, provides for detailed guidance about Tribal Resolution requirements. Upon successful award of the grant, the Department shall direct all grant funding to the successful Tribal grantee. The Tribal grantee will then be responsible for distributing monies within the Tribe, Tribal Energy Development Organization, or other Tribal grant management office as needed. All applicants must have a currently active and accurate Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) enrollment with the BIA.

II. Eligible Activities

- a. In general, this solicitation seeks proposals that increase the managerial and technical capacity of Federally recognized tribal entities to manage and regulate their energy resources. Proposed activities and costs must be aligned to this purpose and clearly described in the application. The energy project(s) for which the applicant seeks to build Tribal capacity can exist or be planned.
- b. **Topic Area 1: TERA Pathways – Strategic Capacity Building** activities may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Conducting an in-depth evaluation of the Tribe’s existing TERA-related technical, organizational, and regulatory capacity. This may include:

assessing existing governance structures, policies, and staffing; identifying gaps and opportunities related to energy development readiness; developing a strategic plan to guide phased capacity development for TERA adoption.

- ii. Advancing the development or enhancement of Tribal organizational structures to support TERA adoption. Activities may include: strengthening or establishing Tribal energy offices or business entities, creating processes and structural capacity to engage regulatory oversight, forming strategic partnerships to support capacity building, technical assistance, or commercial readiness.
- iii. Developing or enhancing Tribal energy codes and policies, such as enacting TERA related Tribal energy regulations and ordinances to regulate or develop energy resources.

c. **Topic Area 2: Traditional TEDC Capacity Development** activities may include, but are not limited to:

- i. Establishing of organizational structure(s) and/or business entity structure(s) capable of engaging in commercial energy development or management activities, including leasing property, meeting lending requirements, participating in standard business contracts, and forming joint venture partnerships, such as development of interconnection, creating an energy office, and electric vehicle business structure planning.
- ii. Establishing Tribal business charters under Federal law; corporations formed under Federal, state or Tribal incorporation codes; and Tribal utility authorities formed under Federal, state or Tribal codes.
- iii. Developing or enhancing Tribal energy codes and policies; enacting Tribal energy regulations, such as leasing, establishing legal infrastructure for business formation, enacting ordinances to regulate or develop energy resources, and adopting a secured transactions code or a memorandum of understanding, compact, or letter of intent with the state to register liens attached pursuant to such a code.
- iv. Comprehensive strategic planning for energy and infrastructure needs to support Tribal economic development goals. Evaluating current and future energy loads, identifying strategic priorities, developing detailed actions plans, and Tribal capacity enhancements to support long-term economic growth.
- v. Developing energy or fuel management strategies to plan for circumstances that put a significant financial and safety burden on Tribes.

d. Projects must be designed for a one-year period of performance.

- e. Requests for Indirect Costs must be consistent with Cost Principles outlined in 2 CFR Part 200. The application must include a current negotiated cost agreement.
- f. TEDC grants may not be used for the following ineligible activities:
 - i. Activities funded under the Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP), such resource assessments or resource development studies.
 - ii. Purchase of equipment, permitting fees, contract negotiation fees, professional credentialing fees, attending conventions, and international travel.
 - iii. Salaries for employees not directly performing tasks outlined in the scope of work.
 - iv. General education, credentialing, and academic coursework
 - v. Legal fees associated with litigation.
 - vi. Any other activities not authorized by the grant award letter.

III. Who Can – and Cannot – Perform Funded TEDC Studies. The applicant determines who will conduct the scope of work.

- a. Eligible
 - i. Qualified Tribal or TEDO personnel.
 - ii. Universities and colleges.
 - iii. Consulting firms.
 - iv. National Labs.
 - v. Other appropriate entities with capacity to perform the work.
- b. In-eligible
 - i. Federal Agencies are not allowed to perform work or receive funds from this program.

IV. Applicant Procurement Procedures. The applicant is subject to the procurement standards in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.326. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.318, an applicant must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect Tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and standards identified in Part 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Budget amounts for all printed and digital copies to be delivered in accordance with the grant agreement and the contract should specify that all products generated by the vendor belong to the grantee and cannot be released to the public without the grantee’s written approval. Products include, but are not limited to, all reports and technical data obtained, maps, status reports, and the final report.

- V. Limitations.** The program provides funding on a one-time basis and for projects that can be completed within the period of performance of the award. The period of performance is one year for this solicitation. The funding periods and amounts referenced in this solicitation are subject to the availability of funds at the time of award, as well as the Department of the Interior (the Department) and the BIA priorities at the time of the award. Publication of this solicitation does not oblige the Department or the BIA to award any specific grant or to oblige all or any part of available funds. Future funding is subject to the availability of appropriations and cannot be guaranteed. The Department or the BIA may cancel or withdraw this solicitation at any time.

TEDC grant funding must be expended in accordance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, including 2 CFR part 200. DEMD will monitor all TEDC grant awards for statutory and regulatory compliance. Tribes that misuse funds may forfeit remaining funds in that and future TEDC year. Neither the Department nor the BIA will be held responsible for proposal or application preparation costs.

As part of the grant application review process, DEMD may conduct a review of an applicant's prior DEMD grant award(s). New grant application ranking may reflect the status of the applicant's grant funding from prior years. DEMD will consider pertinent factors with respect to prior year funding. For instance, if expenditure of prior year grant funds were delayed through no fault of the applicant, and the prior year project is not complete for that reason, a new TEDC grant proposal may still receive funding.

Applicants that are currently under BIA Sanction Level 2 or higher resulting from non-compliance with the Single Audit Act are ineligible for a TEDC award. Applicants at Sanction Level 1 will be considered for funding.

VI. TEDC Application Guidelines.

Prior to applying, applicants should review presidential actions found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/> and DOI Secretary's Orders found at: <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order>. By applying in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all currently effective and applicable executive orders and secretary's orders, including but not limited to the Executive Order titled Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing as well as the Executive Order and Secretary's order titled Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History. Applicants are responsible for ensuring their proposed activities are consistent with the intent and requirements of these directives.

All applications must be submitted in digital form to grants.gov. For instructions, see: <https://www.grants.gov/help/html/help/Applicants/HowToApplyForGrants.htm>.

All TEDC applicants must submit the standard forms “package” as outlined in this announcement. These forms can be found under the “package” tab on the TEDC grant listing at www.grants.gov. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.** All forms listed in the announcement must be submitted in grants.gov. Upon receiving award, recipients must enroll in two points of contact in GrantSolutions to comply with reporting requirements.

Contact Jo Metcalfe, Jo.Metcalfe@bia.gov, no later than three weeks prior to the submission deadline regarding any issues associated with the application process. Links to the mandatory components that must be included in each proposal package can be found under the “package” tab on the TEDC grant opportunity page at www.grants.gov, listed below:

- A. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) [V4.0]
- B. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A) [V1.0]
- C. Budget Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]
- D. Project Abstract Summary [V2.0]
- E. Project Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]
- F. Attachments [V1.2]
 - i. Resolution
- G. Key Contacts [V2.0]
 - i. Tribal Leader- for formal correspondence
 - ii. Tribal Administrative Official – for financial reporting
 - iii. Tribal Program Official – directly oversees the project

A detailed description of the above-named mandatory component documents is provided below:

- A. Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 [V4.0].** All applicants must complete the Application for Federal Assistance SF-424. Use a descriptive file name that includes the Tribal name and project description. For example: TEDCSF424.[Tribalname].Project
- B. Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A) [V1.0].** The budget must be submitted using both SF-424 and a SF-424A form. Use a descriptive file name that includes the Tribal name and project description. For example: TEDCSF424A.[Tribalname].Project.
- C. Budget Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2].** The budget narrative must identify the amount of grant funding requested. The project scope and budget must be broken into defined tasks such as contracted personnel fees, consulting fees (hourly or fixed), travel costs, data collection and cost analysis, computer rentals, report generation, drafting,

advertising costs for a proposed project and other relevant project expenses, and their subcomponents. The budget must include the following detailed activity descriptions as applicable:

- a. Travel costs must be itemized by airfare, vehicle rental, lodging, and per diem, based on the current Federal government per diem schedule.
- b. Data collection and analysis costs must be itemized in sufficient detail for the DEMD review committee to evaluate the charges.
- c. Indirect costs, the applicant's negotiated rate or the *de minimis* rate, if requested. If no indirect costs are requested, there will be no indirect costs awarded.
- d. Other expenses may include computer rental, report generation, drafting, and advertising costs for a proposed project.

D. Project Abstract Summary [V2.0]. Provide a one-page overview and technical summary of the project. This Project Abstract Summary will be evaluated by the DEMD Review Committee (See Section VIII Review and Selection Process and Section IX Evaluation Criteria). Mandatory elements include:

- a. Describe the topic area the project is applying under
- b. Description of the elements of the proposed project
- c. Need for the project
- d. Description of the objectives
- e. Anticipated outcomes that will result if the project were to be funded
- f. Total amount of funding requested
- g. A designated Tribal representative to oversee the project work, make authorized decisions during the project, and be responsible for submitting reports in GrantSolutions. List the name, title, email address and phone number for this contact.
- h. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. Reminder: ensure that the System for Award Management (SAM) number used to apply is active, not expired.
- i. Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP) number. Applying entity must have an active ASAP account. The entity for the ASAP account and the UEI account must be the same entity and must be the same entity as the applicant for this grant. The ASAP account must be enrolled with the BIA.
- j. Counties where the project is located.
- k. Congressional District number where the project is located.

E. Project Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2]. It is recommended that the Project Narrative is 20 pages or less, not including attachments. Please use a descriptive file name that includes Tribal name and project description. For example: TEDCNarrative.[Tribalname].Project. As a minimum, the Project Narrative should include the following sections:

- a. **Project Objective, Technical Description, and Motivation.**
 - i. Describe the topic area the project is applying under.

- ii. Describe the objectives and elements of the proposed project, as well as the need for the project.
 - iii. Describe the Tribe's current business and/or regulatory capacity for energy development, including regulations and other measures already in place and the extent to which they are being implemented. If the proposal is related to establishing organizational business entity structure, describe the extent to which the Tribe can engage in development or management activities, and to what extent the proposed project will increase the Tribe's capacity to manage and/or regulate its energy resources.
 - iv. Describe which business and/or regulatory capacities need enhancement, such as: Tribal code development, regulation or ordinance development, commercial code development, financial and revenue management, land lease management (including evaluation, negotiation, and enforcement of terms), and regulatory monitoring (Federal, state, and Tribal environmental and safety regulations).
 - v. Describe how the project would assist the Tribe in developing the capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy or mineral resource development on Indian land, and to what extent would that affect the overall economy of the Tribe.
 - vi. List previous or ongoing energy or mineral resource development capacity-building projects involving the Tribe. If applicable, describe challenges and lessons learned on past projects.
 - vii. Describe the Tribe's motivation to implement the business or regulatory framework that would be developed or enhanced through TEDC funding. Framework project urgency and how the funding will help address the need or solve the problem described. Justify the need through examples.
- b. **Tribal Utility Authority:** If the project is focused on studying the feasibility of a Tribal Utility Authority (TUA), or some other electric utility structure including micro grids, please provide a brief discussion (one page or less) that includes the following; reason/need for chartering a TUA or microgrid formation, the relationship between the Tribe and incumbent utility, annual expenditure by the Tribe on electricity, electricity pricing (\$/kWh) and/or power quality issues, utility policy issues that are hindering the Tribe from proper management of its energy assets or hindering the development of energy projects (i.e. net metering policies) and how these can potentially be overcome by a tribally-owned TUA, and any other relevant information that would highlight the need for the establishment of a TUA or microgrid.
- c. **Scope of Work and Project Deliverables:** Include a detailed scope of work including a clear and concise description of the tasks to be performed, in chronological order; a logical methodology for the completing the task items; and

a detailed description of the project phases, timeline, and method of measurement of meeting objectives of the proposed project and expected outcomes. Describe all deliverable products that the proposed TEDC project is to generate, including all regulations, codes, ordinances or processes and procedures. Discuss the content of any planned status reports as well as the final TEDC project report.

- d. **Key Personnel and Tribal Commitment to Project Completion:** Provide a description of the entities and key personnel performing the scope of work the applicant wishes to retain, including their resumés (with areas of technical expertise, training, qualifications) the nature of their involvement, including their relationship to the applicant as Tribal staff, consultant, subcontractor, and suitability to undertake the proposed scope of work. The resumés may be included as an attachment to the application and will not be counted toward the 20-page limitation. Reference to any past accomplishments that verify the Tribe's ability to succeed and their commitment to completing the project within the proposed project period, including project deliverables and grant reporting requirements. State any specific contributions by Tribal leadership to ensure the project's success.

F. Attachments [V1.2].

- a. **Resolution.** Applicants are required to have an authorizing resolution(s) from each Tribe proposed to be served by the grant-funded project. The Tribal resolution must be issued in the same fiscal year as the grant application, authorizing the submission of the EMDP grant application and must be signed by the authorized Tribal representative(s). The Tribal resolution must include a description of the energy or mineral resource to be studied and identify the Tribal grant lead point of contact.

In lieu of a Tribal resolution: If a Tribe has developed a policy, procedure, or other business rule that clearly establishes authority of Tribal staff to apply for grants and comply with the terms of grant awards without the need for a specific Tribal resolution, the Tribe may submit other documentation of Tribal commitment in lieu of a Tribal resolution. If applicable, a copy of that policy, procedure, or other business rule must be included in the grant application package and be accompanied by a written statement from the authorized Tribal representative explicitly committing the Tribe to fully comply with the terms of the EMDP award as stated in this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). In this case only, grant applications may be accompanied by a written Tribal statement of commitment in lieu of a Tribal resolution.

G. Key Contacts [V2.0]. For all contacts below, please include full names, mailing address, email, and phone number(s).

- a. Tribal Leader – for formal correspondence
- b. Tribal Administrative Official – for financial reporting

c. Tribal Program Official – directly oversees the project

Please use a descriptive file name that includes the Tribal name and identifies that it is the Key Contacts (KC) page. For example: TEDCKC.[Tribalname].Project

VII. Review and Selection Process.

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President’s executive order on Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing as well as the executive order and Secretary order on Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

Upon receiving a TEDC grant proposal, the DEMD will determine whether an application is complete and that the proposed project does not duplicate or overlap previous or currently funded DEMD grant projects. Any proposal that is received after the date and time in the DATES section of this notice will not be reviewed.

In past years, TEDC grant funding requests have collectively exceeded available funding for that year. Funds are awarded to the highest rated proposals within a competitive process. Therefore, applicants compete for funding, and DEMD has discretion to award funds to a limited number of the highest-rated proposals. DEMD has established ranking procedures below with defined criteria for rating proposals.

The DEMD Review Committee (Committee), comprised of subject matter experts within DEMD and at times from their partnering Federal offices will evaluate the proposals utilizing the ranking criteria. Proposals will be evaluated using the five ranking criteria listed below, with a maximum achievable total of 100 points. Alternative energy projects will undergo a higher level of review in accordance with current Department of Interior review procedures.

Written final award notices and written notices of non-selection will be provided to all Tribal grant applicants.

VIII. Evaluation Criteria

- a. **Project Abstract Summary: 5 points.** The Project Abstract Summary (see Section VII TEDC Application Guidelines) will be evaluated based on the clarity of the provided abstract.
- b. **Project Objective, Technical Description, and Motivation: 35 points.** This criterion will be evaluated based on the project objective, technical description, and motivation as described in the Project Narrative Attachment. The clarity of the described work and the appropriateness of the project in terms of meeting the intent and goals of the TEDC program will be evaluated. Tribal commitment will also be evaluated.
- c. **Scope of Work and Deliverables: 45 points.** The application will be evaluated regarding the extent to which the stated deliverables align with the applicant's stated goals. The methodology chosen to complete the scope of work tasks will also be evaluated, as compared to current industry standards. Documentation that the consultants retained possess the requisite background and credentials to conduct the study will be reviewed.
- d. **Budget: 15 points.** The application's budget narrative should clearly describe all major line-item expenditures that are proposed. The Committee will rank more highly proposals whose budget narratives correlate to a project's scope of work and clearly link each project task with a budget line-item and justification.

- IX. Transfer of Funds.** DEMD's obligation under this solicitation is contingent on receipt of congressionally appropriated funds. No liability on the part of the U.S. Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the awarding officer for this grant and until the recipient receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in GrantSolutions.

All payments under this agreement will be made by electronic funds transfer through the Automated Standard Application for Payment (ASAP). All award recipients must have a currently active and accurate Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number and ASAP enrollment with the BIA to receive funds. **The UEI must match the eligible applicant entity.** The entity for the ASAP account and the UEI account must be the same entity. The ASAP account must be enrolled with the BIA. All payments will be deposited in the banking information designated by the applicant in the System for Award Management (SAM).

- X. Reporting Requirements for Award Recipients.** The applicant must deliver all products and data required by the Grant Agreement for the proposed TEDC project and uploaded into GrantSolutions within 30 days of the end of each reporting period and 120 days after completion of the project. Reports can be provided in either Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Spreadsheet data can be provided in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft

Access, or Adobe Acrobat PDF format. All vector figures, shape files, and other data mediums shall be provided in their original data-based format and in PDF format. Do not convert vector figures to raster images. Furthermore, all geological data shall be provided in commonly used software format (PETRA, etc.). The contract between the grantee and the consultant conducting the TEDC-funded studies must include deliverable products and require that the products be prepared in the format described above. Digital reporting to be submitted with applications not mentioned above shall be coordinated with DEMD prior to submission.

- a. **Periodic Progress Reporting Requirements:** Narrative progress (PPR) and financial status reports (FFR) are to be submitted throughout the life of the grant into GrantSolutions on a periodic basis defined in the grant agreement. The narrative progress report may be a one-to-two-page summary of events, accomplishments, problems and results that took place during the performance period. The financial status report shall be submitted as Federal Financial Report, SF 425, and include a listing of the funds expended during the performance period, how the funds were spent, and the amount remaining.
- b. **Final Reporting Requirements:** Final narrative (PPR) and financial reports (FFR) are to be submitted into GrantSolutions. The final narrative report should include, as attachments, all other products generated by the EMDP studies, including a final technical report. Products include all reports and technical data obtained during the study. The final financial status report shall be submitted as Federal Financial Report, SF-425, and include a listing of the funds expended during the project, how the funds were spent, and any amount remaining. Final reports are due one hundred and twenty (120) days following the end of the project's period of performance.

XI. Conflicts of Interest

- a. **Applicability.** This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by sub-recipients, the conflict-of-interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 apply.
- b. **Requirements.**
 - i. Non-Federal entities must avoid prohibited conflicts of interest, including any significant financial interests that could cause a reasonable person to question the recipient's ability to provide impartial, technically sound, and objective performance under or with respect to a Federal financial assistance agreement.
 - ii. In addition to any other prohibitions that may apply with respect to conflicts of interest, no key official of an actual or proposed recipient or sub-recipient, who is substantially involved in the proposal or project, may have

been a former Federal employee who, within the last one (1) year, participated personally and substantially in the evaluation, award, or administration of an award with respect to that recipient or sub-recipient or in development of the requirement leading to the funding announcement.

- iii. No actual or prospective recipient or sub-recipient may solicit, obtain, or use non-public information regarding the evaluation, award, administration of an award to that recipient or sub-recipient or the development of a Federal financial assistance opportunity that may be of competitive interest to that recipient or sub-recipient.

c. Notification.

- i. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Conflicts of Interest.
- ii. Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by sub-recipients.
- iii. Restrictions on Lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under this grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR part 18 and 31 U.S.C. 1352.
- iv. Review Procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict-of-interest disclosure based on its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.
- v. Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make the required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR part 180).

XII. Questions and Requests for DEMD Assistance.

- a. DEMD staff may provide technical consultation, upon written request submitted to tedcgrants@bia.gov at least three weeks before the deadline for submission. The request must clearly identify the assistance sought. Technical consultation does not include funding to prepare a grant proposal, grant writing assistance, or

pre-determinations as to the likelihood that a proposal will be awarded. The applicant is solely responsible for preparing its grant proposal. Technical consultation may include clarifying application requirements, reviewing draft applications, confirming whether an applicant previously submitted the same or similar proposal.

- b. Direct questions regarding registration information for SAM or ASAP to tedcgrants@bia.gov, or to their respective help desks. Allow at least three weeks to complete SAM and ASAP registration due to system requirements. No exceptions can be made for applicants that do not have an active SAM and ASAP registration associated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- c. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Additional program information can be found at: <https://www.bia.gov/service/grants/tedc>.
- d. Data Availability.
 - i. Applicability. The Department is committed to basing its decisions on the best available science and providing the American people with enough information to thoughtfully and substantively evaluate the data, methodology, and analysis used by the Department to inform its decisions.
 - ii. Use of Data. The regulations at 2 CFR 200.315 apply to data produced under a federal award, including the provision that the Federal Government has the right to obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data produced under a federal award as well as authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data for Federal purposes.
 - iii. Availability of Data. The recipient shall make the data produced under this award and any subaward(s) available to the Government for public release, consistent with applicable law, to allow meaningful third-party evaluation and reproduction of the following:
 - 1. The scientific data relied upon,
 - 2. The analysis relied upon; and
 - 3. The methodology, including models, used to gather and analyze data.

XIII. Authority. TEDC grants are funded through non-recurring appropriations made by the United States Congress in the Federal budget. These funds are provided on a year-to-year basis and may or may not be provided in future years. DEMD implements programs authorized under the following statutes:

- a. Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (25 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3503 – Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act)
- b. Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 (25 U.S.C §§ 2101-2108)