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This section is intended to provide direction to the reader who would like to explore a topic further. Many of these works were also useful to the authors of this Guidebook.

Publications and Web Tools

Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy

This database provides information on tax incentives, rebate programs, portfolio standards, interconnection standards, green power programs, and other state-level policies that encourage renewable energy development. It also provides information on selected federal incentive programs. Available at <http://www.dsireusa.org>.

Energy Savers and Consumer Guide to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The U.S. Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) office offers a comprehensive guide to energy efficiency and conservation. Their website site offers useful energy saving tips for everything from heating and cooling homes to car maintenance. For Energy Savers, visit <http://www.l.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/index.htm>

For the Consumer Guide, visit http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/your_home/

Energy Star

The US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy set standards for energy efficient appliances through the Energy Star program. The site has searchable lists of efficient appliances and vendors that sell them. The site also offers tools to evaluate the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency projects, and also offers other useful information about energy

efficiency for residential buildings and hospitality.

available at <http://www.energystar.gov/> or regionally at <http://www.northwestenergystar.com/>

Makah Public Transit Program

For information on their transportation program, visit their site at <http://www.makah.com/transit.htm>

National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Geothermal Technologies Program

The laboratory is working to determine the performance and value of small-scale geothermal power production through five projects in the Western United States. Their research and development is available online. Available at <http://www.nrel.gov/geothermal/georandd.html#field>.

Native Power: A Handbook on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Native American Communities

This comprehensive resource is available for download on the DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. The handbook provides information about a variety of sustainable energy projects that may be useful to native communities. Available at www.l.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/guide/pdfs/nativepower.pdf.

Northwest Community Energy

This site provides in-depth “how-to” information on renewable energy project development. Available at <http://www.nwcommunityenergy.org>.

Northwest Tribal Technical Assistance Program

Eastern Washington University administers a

program to provide training and research for Tribes on transportation issues. Their site provides program information and online resources. Available at <http://www.ewu.edu/x24920.xml>.

Renewable Energy Atlas of the West

A project of the Hewlett Foundation and The Energy Foundation. Produced 2002. Atlas contains full-color maps of the renewable energy resources of eleven western states, including high-resolution wind maps that are searchable in the online version. The atlas profiles wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass potential. Available at <http://www.energyatlas.org>.

Rural Housing and Economic Development Gateway (RHED)

The Gateway is an information clearinghouse supported by HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development program to provide information and technical assistance to non-profits, local agencies and other community organizers interested in rural economic and community development. View their site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/rhed/gateway/index.cfm>.

Or contact staff directly:

451 7th Street, S.W.
Room 7137
Washington, DC 20410
Phone: 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526)
Email: rhed@hud.gov

Transportation Guide for Indian Tribal Governments

This guide is a project of the Washington

Department of Transportation. The guide provides detailed information on the specifics of transportation planning and financing these projects in the Northwest. Available at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/4FCC0C73-6CID-4844-BF10-60D7D515A77A/0/TransportationGuideforIndianTribalGovernment.s.pdf>.

Federal Agencies

Bonneville Power Administration

The BPA is a federal agency which markets and delivers electricity to several communities across the Northwest. BPA's Tribal Affairs Office seeks to ensure an "understanding and respect for tribal values and resources." Part of this program is a tribal set aside for low-income weatherization discussed in Section 7 of this guide.

Mailing address:

Bonneville Power Administration
Tribal Affairs Office
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Street address:

905 NE 11th Ave.
Portland, OR 97232

Phone and fax number:

503-230-7685, phone
503-230-4019, fax

Website:

<http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/>

Email address:

tribalaffairs@bpa.gov

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory

(NREL) is the nation's primary laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency. It is the principal laboratory for the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and is managed for DOE by Midwest Research Institute and Battelle.

Contact:

National Renewable Energy Laboratory
1617 Cole Blvd.
Golden, CO 80401
Phone: 303-275-3000
<http://www.nrel.gov>

**U.S. Department of Agriculture:
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
Program**

The USDA Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program provides information including details on USDA funding opportunities, links to technical and feasibility resources, environmental guidance, and more.

National Office Contact:

1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250
Phone: 202-720-1497
Website: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/
rbs/farbill/index.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farbill/index.html)

State Contact:

Phone: 1-800-670-6553
Website: [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/
recd_map.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html)

**U.S. Department of Energy: Energy
Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

The EERE website offers quick and easy access to a growing number of publications, videos, software, and other information products across EERE. The site provides resources such as

national program-level publications, photographs, industry links, and homeowner links related to hydropower and wind energy.

For specific information visit [http://
www.eere.energy.gov/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/)

Green Power Network

The U.S. Department of Energy's Green Power Network provides news and information on green power markets and related activities. The site provides information on Green Power Marketing in Competitive Electricity Markets and Utility Green Pricing Programs. The network includes marketers of Renewable Energy Certificates.

Visit <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/>

Tribal Energy Program

This program promotes tribal energy sufficiency, economic growth and job development through financial and technical assistance and education and training. Their web site provides some useful information that may help in evaluating projects for an energy plan, such as case studies, information on business opportunities and financing.

Visit <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>

**U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services-LIHEAP**

HHS is responsible for "protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves." Through the LIHEAP program HHS provides financial assistance to those whose energy costs constitute a high proportion of their household income.

National Office

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
HHS, Administration For Children and Families
Office of Community Services, Division of
Energy Assistance (DEA)
Aerospace Building, 5th Floor West
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

Phone: (202) 401-9351

Fax: (202) 401-5661

Regional Contacts

Region X: Includes WA, OR, ID

Contact: is Zack Poimboeuf

Phone: 202-401-5544

Region VIII: Includes MT

Contact is Robert Laue

Phone: 202-401-5040

Direct contact information for LIHEAP Tribal Grantees can be found at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/liheap/grantees/tribes.html#ID>.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's mission is to "increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination." HUD's Rural Housing and Economic Development (RHED) program can be a helpful resource for rural agencies and organizations seeking funding and support for community development projects including green building projects (see RHED Gateway in Web Tools section).

Idaho

Boise Field Office
Plaza IV, Suite 220
800 Park Boulevard

Boise, Idaho 83712-7743

Phone: (208) 334-1990

Montana

Helena Field Office
7 W 6th Ave
Helena, MT 59601
Phone: (406) 449-5050

Oregon

Portland Field Office
400 SW 6th Avenue
Suite700
Portland, OR 97204-1632
Phone: (971) 222-2600

Washington

Seattle Regional Office
Seattle Federal Office Building
909 First Avenue, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98104-1000
Phone: (206) 220-5101
Toll-free: (877) 741-3281

Spokane Field Office
Thomas Foley U.S. Courthouse Building
920 West Riverside, Suite 588
Spokane, WA. 99201
Phone: (509) 368-3200

U.S. Department of Interior—Division of Capital Investment

The Department of the Interior is responsible to manage U.S. domestic affairs including land management and Native America and Alaska Native relations. Through the DOI's Division of Capital Investment the Indian Loan Guarantee and Interest Subsidy Program serves to stimulate and increase American Indian entrepreneurship and employment through establishment, acquisition or expansion of Indian-owned or

Native Alaskan owned economic enterprises.

National Office

1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240
Phone: 202-208-3100

Division of Capital Investment

1951 Constitution Ave, NW
RM 20-SIB
Washington, DC 20240
Phone: 202-513-7681

Northwest Regional Office

911 NE 11th Ave
Portland, OR 97232
Phone: (503) 231-6754

**U.S. Department of Interior—Office of
Indian Energy and Economic Development
(IEED)**

IEED runs an Energy and Mineral Development Program. The program funds projects promoting the development of tribal oil, gas and coal resources; construction aggregate markets; and renewable energy projects such as using biomass, geothermal, and solar and wind energy production.

Website

http://www.peoplelandandwater.gov/bia/bia_assistant-secretary-indian-affairs.cfm

Contact

Stephen Manydeeds
Chief, Division of Energy and Minerals
Resources Management, Office
of IEED
Lakewood, Colo.
Phone: (303) 969-5270

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
and EPA Tribal Portal**

The U.S. EPA is responsible for coordinating pollution prevention activities in the interest of the environment and public health. Working with governments at all levels, the EPA is a source of funding for projects in several areas of energy planning. The Tribal Portal was developed to connect tribes with information within EPA and other government agencies.

Pacific Northwest Regional Office

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101
Toll-free: 1-800-424-4EPA

Tribal Portal website: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

For a list of tribal contacts in Region 10 visit <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/tribal.NSF/webpage/tribal+coordinators>.

Private Companies and Foundations

EcoFab

EcoFab is a company that provides technical assistance and consultation for buildings designed to be “durable, customizable, and energy efficient.”

Contact:

1011 Western Ave., Suite 1006
Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 450-2062
Fax: (206) 682-5008
E-mail: info@ecofab.net
<http://www.ecofab.net/>

Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF)

BEF was founded in 1998 to support watershed restoration programs and develop new sources of renewable energy. BEF is a nonprofit organization, markets green power products to public utilities, businesses, government agencies, and individuals. Through the brokering of Green Tags, BEF funds can often help finance renewable energy projects.

Contact:

133 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 410
Portland, OR 97204
Phone: (503) 248-1905
Toll-free: 1-866-BEF-TAGS
<http://www.b-e-f.org>

Kresge Foundation

Focusing in six fields of interest—health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development—the Kresge Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for future generations “by creating access and opportunity in underserved communities and by advancing methods for mitigating and adapting to global climate change.” The foundation is a private organization which supports non-profits.

Contact:

3215 West Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan 48084
Phone: (248) 643-9630
Fax: (248) 643-0588

The Enterprise Foundation

Founded over two decades ago, the Enterprise Foundation is a non-profit driven to ensure

every American lives in a decent, affordable home. Their programs provide capital and professional expertise for community development and affordable housing projects. Funding for green building projects is provided through the Green Communities Initiative.

Contact:

Enterprise Headquarters
10227 Wincopin Circle, Suite 500
Columbia, MD 21044
Phone: (410) 715-7433
Toll Free: 1-800-624-4298

Green Communities Initiative
Northwest Contact (OR, WA, ID, MT)
Melissa Peterson
Phone: (503) 553-5646

Nonprofit Organizations

The Alliance to Save Energy

Their website provides general information on energy efficiency and conservation, and has a particularly useful section on hotel energy conservation.

Contact:

1850 M Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 857-0666
<http://www.ase.org/>
email: info@ase.org

American Wind Energy Association

AWEA advocates the development of wind energy as a reliable, environmentally superior energy alternative in the United States and around the world. The AWEA Web site provides a host of useful information and allows

guest access to their membership directory, which includes wind energy specialists and professionals of all types.

Contact:

1101 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 383-2500
<http://www.awea.org>
e-mail: windmail@awea.org

Center for Resource Solutions

The Center for Resource Solutions manages Green-e, the nation's leading independent consumer protection program for the sale of renewable energy and greenhouse gas reductions in the retail market. Green-e offers certification and verification of renewable energy and greenhouse gas mitigation products.

Contact:

P.O. Box 29512
Presidio Building 97
Arguello Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94129
Phone: (415) 561-2100
<http://www.green-e.org/>

Center for Rural Affairs

The Center for Rural Affairs, a private, nonprofit organization, is working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Contact:

145 Main St. – PO Box 136
Lyons, NE 68038-0136
Phone: (402) 687-2100
Fax: (402) 687-2200
<http://www.cfra.org>
e-mail: info@cfra.org

Northwest Energy Coalition

The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of more than 100 environmental, civic, and human service organizations, progressive utilities, and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia. They promote development of renewable energy and energy conservation, among other things.

Contact:

219 First Avenue South, Suite 100
Seattle, WA, 98104
Phone: (206) 621-0094
Fax: (206) 621-0097
<http://www.nwenergy.org>
e-mail: nwec@nwenergy.org

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (NWSEED)

NWSEED supports and develops creative programs, policies, and financing approaches to build rural economies and meet the region's power needs through affordable, renewable energy generation.

Contact:

1402 3rd Avenue, Suite 901
Seattle, WA 98101
Phone: (206) 328-2441
<http://www.nwseed.org>
e-mail: info@nwseed.org

Renewable Northwest Project

RNP promotes development of the region's untapped renewable resources, and has proven to be a forceful advocate for expanding utility use of solar, wind, and geothermal energy in the Northwest.

Contact:

917 SW Oak, Suite 303

Portland, OR 97205

Phone: (503) 223-4544

<http://www.rnp.org>

e-mail: renewables@RNP.org

U.S. Green Building Council

This organization administers LEED project certification and professional accreditation.

Their site provides LEED and other green building resources and national chapter information.

Contact:

1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW

Suite 300

Washington, DC 20036

<http://www.usgbc.org/>

email: info@_usgbc.org