



Desert Blooms: Nourishing Future Abundance Through Investment



Empowering Native Communities

Clean Energy for Sustainable Economic Development

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Hot Federal Funding Opportunities
3. Broader Federal Programs
4. Tribal Energy Equity Summit #1 "FERC work"
5. Executive Order 14112: the Weapon



About the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy



- Established in direct response to the expressed needs of Native American Tribes and our public, private, and philanthropic partners.
- Providing the critical technical and financial assistance and wrap-around services Tribes are currently seeking in order to build their own capacity to access and manage the historic amounts of federal energy infrastructure and climate funding, and to ensure these historic investments are implemented in an equitable and just way.
- The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy provides this critical support through four key pillars, built upon a strong and deep foundation of Native American cultural values. As an Indigenous-led 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, the Alliance provides these vital services at no cost to Tribes.
- Our work is completely supported by the generosity of our philanthropic partners.



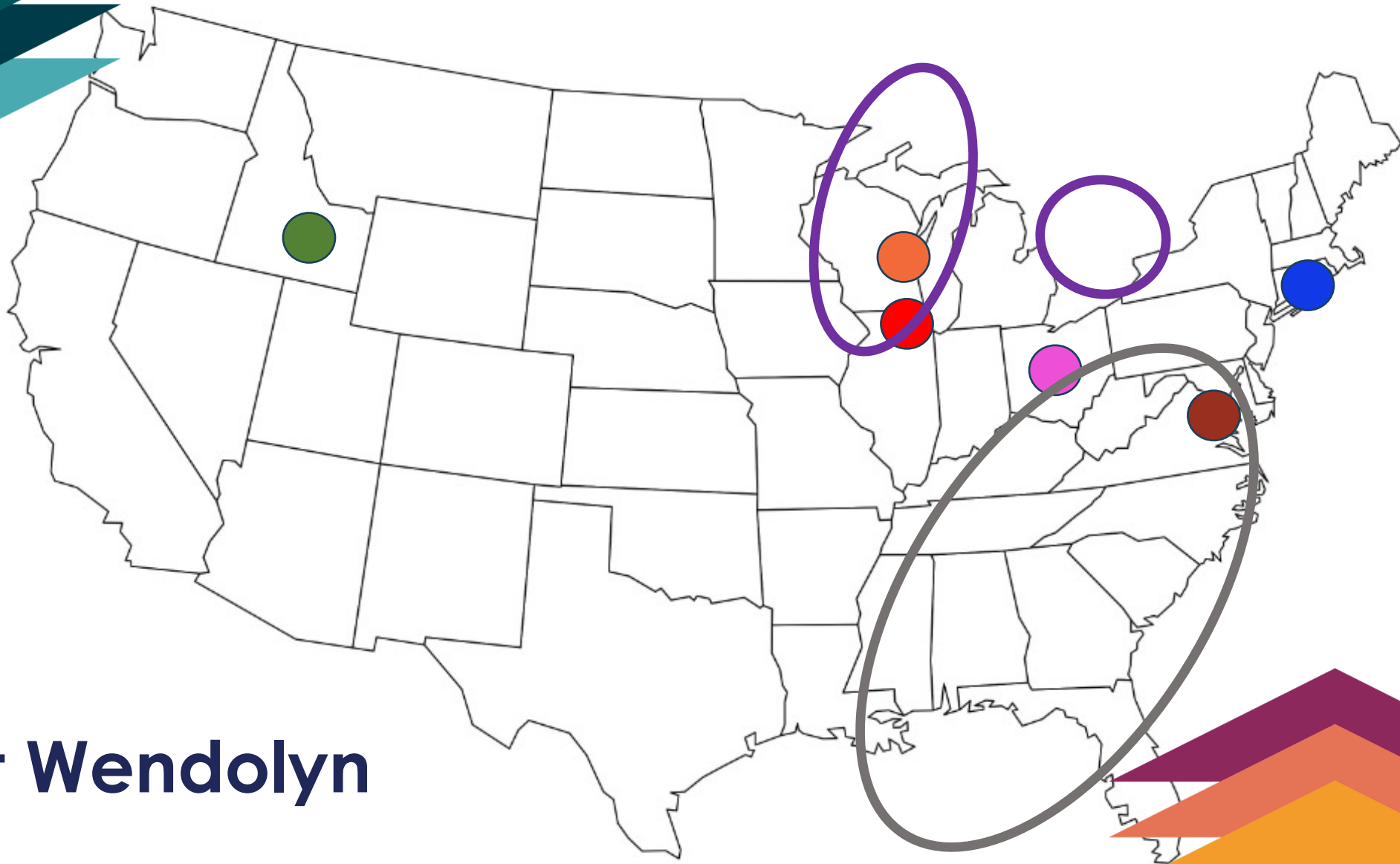
Alliance's Senior Leadership Team



CEO, Founder	Cheri Smith (Mi'kmaq Descendant)
1. Technical Assistance	Shaun Tsabetsaye (Zuni Pueblo)
2. Workforce Development & Information Systems	Dr. Ramon Sanchez (Mayo, Yaqui)
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4. Policy, Tax & Federal Government Affairs	Wendolyn Holland



About Wendolyn



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Hot Federal Funding Opportunities



- DOE
 - 40401 (d) Grid Formula Grants – due June 17
 - Home Energy Rebate Formula Grants – rolling
 - “Rural & Remote” – last round later this fall
- EPA
 - Community Change Grants – rolling due Nov, but get in soon
- Interior
 - Tribal Electrification Program – due June 30





EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

3 Flavors to Seed the New “Green Banks”



Solar for All	S4A	\$7b total 1. States 2. Tribal Orgs 3. Nonprofits
Cleantech Communities Investment Accelerator	CCIA	\$6b total
National Clean Investment Fund	NCIF	\$14b total

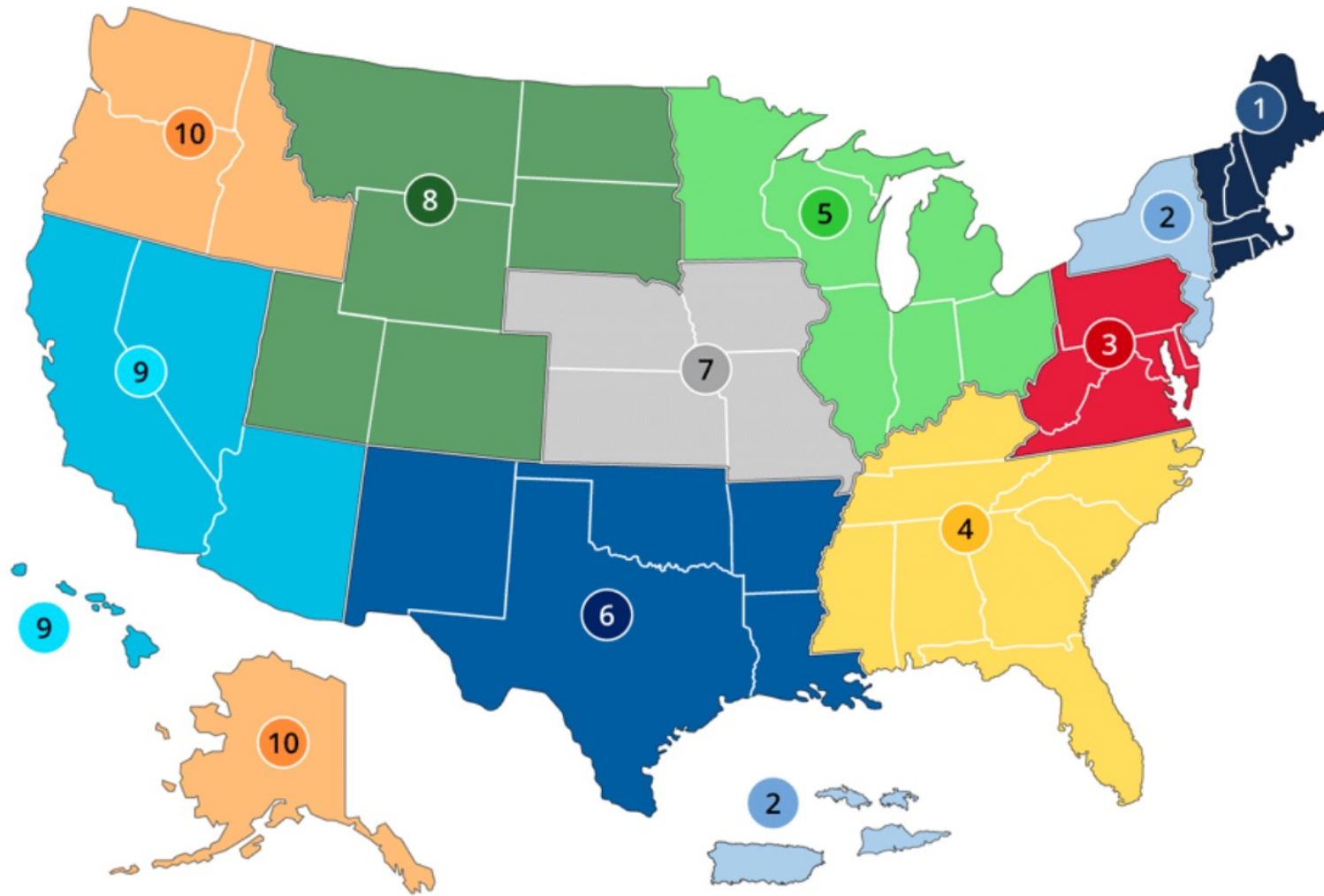
Come listen Tuesday for Chrystal's & my plenary discussion

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EPA Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers



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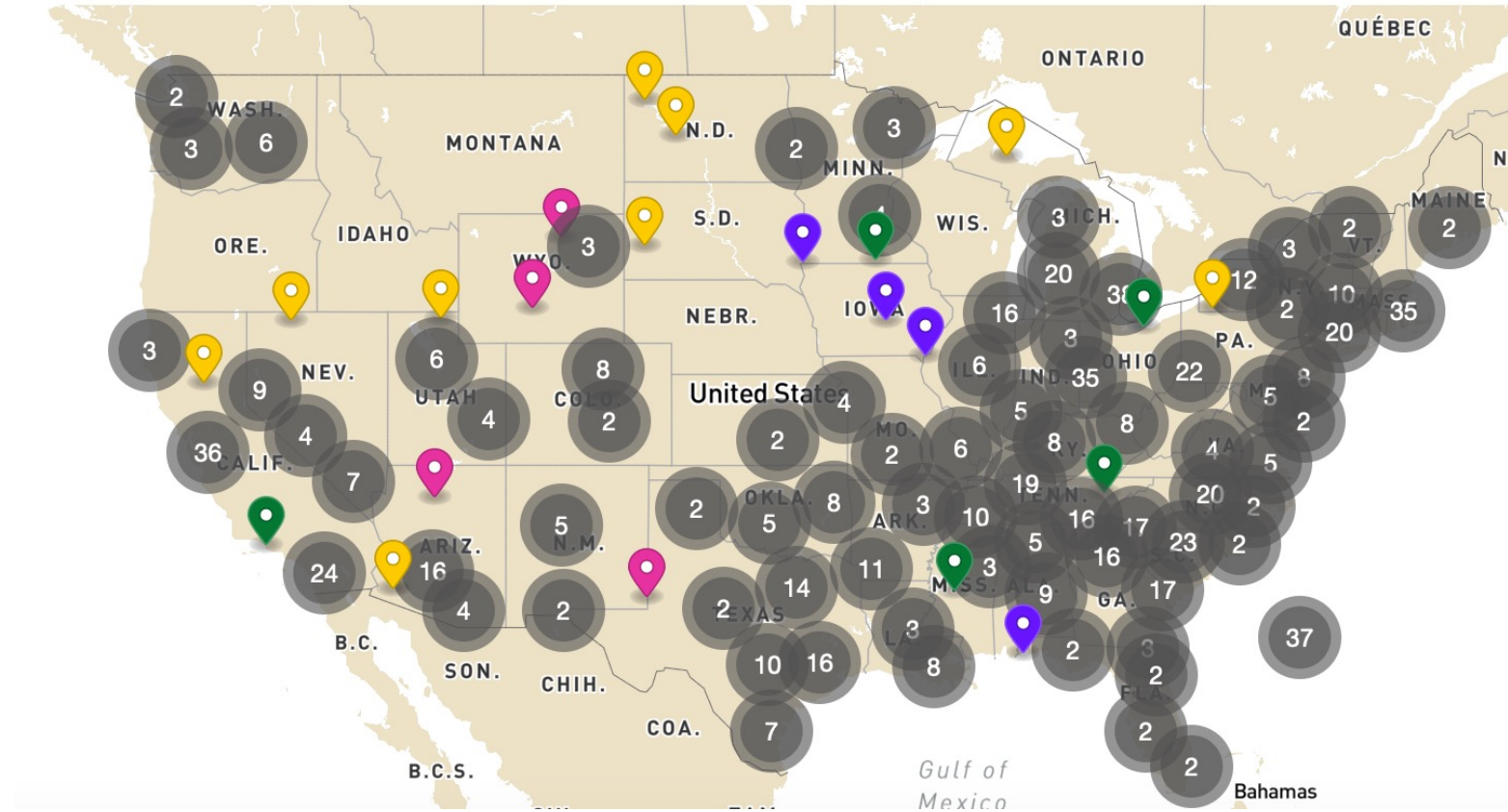


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Community Benefits Plans



- Energy.gov/invest
- Sovereign not Community
- Not comprehensive, but it's a start





Tribal Energy Equity Summit #1



We demand to be met where we are
in energy development and regulation – and to be
included at the leadership tables that inform, educate,
and share policy and regulations – to remediate past
harms, to promote and protect sovereignty and
inclusivity, and to ensure generational benefits and
equity for all Native Americans.





Policy Priority – FERC Interconnection Queue Fees



- But first: why do we care about FERC?
 - Commission's origins
 - Sovereign & political power Tribes can wield
- FERC's recent Equity Action Plan – last week
- Petition
- Nitty gritty details: “commercial readiness” – across other programs
- Please weigh in
 - Letters of support
 - Substance
 - Structural exclusion from capital markets
 - Specific energy-related “harms”
 - Culturally appropriate proxies for “commercial readiness”



Executive Order 14112: A Weapon, A Tool



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Presidential Documents

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Executive Order 14112 of December 6, 2023

The President

Reforming Federal Funding and Support for Tribal Nations To Better Embrace Our Trust Responsibilities and Promote the Next Era of Tribal Self-Determination

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. My Administration is committed to protecting and supporting Tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and to honoring our trust and treaty obligations to Tribal Nations. We recognize the right of Tribal Nations to self-determination, and that Federal support for Tribal self-determination has been the most effective policy for the economic growth of Tribal Nations and the economic well-being of Tribal citizens. Federal policies of past eras, including termination, relocation, and assimilation, collectively represented attacks on Tribal sovereignty and did lasting damage to Tribal communities, Tribal economies, and the institutions of Tribal governance. By contrast, the self-determination policies of the last 50 years—whereby the Federal Government has worked with Tribal Nations to promote





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