# Tribal Energy Program Summer Internship

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# Pueblo of Laguna Utility Authority Community Solar Plan

Renewable Energy Project Development



# Pueblo of Laguna Utility Authority Mission Statement

The Pueblo of Laguna is committed to working toward its energy goals while actively remaining as environmentally responsible as is practical. Laguna Pueblo seeks to improve the overall quality and reliability of electric service within its communities. Laguna also wants to promote energy self-sufficiency in responsible manner.



## Community Strategic Planning

# **Energy Planning Priorities**



#### Where are they?

- Natural Gas not accessible to 2 villages.
- •High Energy Burden.
- •HUD homes are not energy efficient.
- Utility companies must meet tribal needs.

#### Where do they want to be?

- •Energy Independence.
- •Reduce energy consumption by 30%
- Build traditional homes.

#### How do they get there?

- Education: people and tribal council
- Data: Creating community profile
- Utility company partnerships & Grants
- •Build internal capacity: Training



#### How the Utility Authority Developed A Solar Program





#### **Energy Grant 2006**

- Feasibility Study
- Research thru Capacity Building
- Fatal Flaw Analysis
- Monitoring for Wind
- Solar is best fit

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- -Customer Service Program
- Energy Burden
- Community Poverty Level



#### **Community Out Reach**

**Customer Service** 

Survey

**LIHEAP** 



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#### Renewable Energy Project Options

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#### Project Overview

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## Is the Community Ready for Renewable Energy? Survey Results

#### Words from the Community:

"It is good to know that our Tribe is being proactive in considering all viable options in addressing renewable energy projects"

"I totally support renewable energy projects that are a good fit for our people, especially tribal members who don't have access to natural gas or households who must depend on wood only."

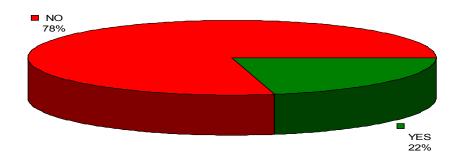


"Our Father gave us an abundant amount of sun and wind. It is only plausible to make use of it."



#### **Community Survey Results**

Pueblo of Laguna Renewable Energy Survey Results
Have you had any experience with renewable energy power generation?





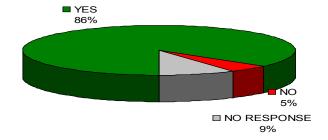
#### **Community Survey Results**

Pueblo of Laguna Renewable Energy Survey Results

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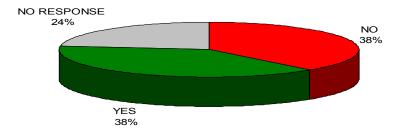
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#### **Community Survey Results**

Pueblo of Laguna Renewable Energy Survey Question Results
Do you feel that the Pueblo of Laguna should produce power
to sell to others ouside of Laguna?





#### **Cultural Standards**

**Traditional Values** 

**Cultural Zoning** and Standards



Sacred spaces



Village Officials may regulate historical value



Architectural Integrity



## Training Technical Staff

Reducing installation cost and maintenance

## Capacity Building

- •Hands-on training for current technical staff to install PV systems
- After installation maintenance will be on going.









## Tribal Energy Program

Solar Panel Donation

Sandia Labs Tribal Energy Program

Internship Program



Next Steps—Apply for funding to install solar panels donated by WAPA

- Target LIHEAP recipients
- Community Centers
- Elderly and Low Income
- Areas without Natural Gas
- Assistance from UNM
   Planning Student Interns



#### Navajo

Hopi

Hualapai



## Solar Tour 2008







## Summer Memories









## Thank you!

### Any Questions?

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