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GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Inter-tribal Technical Assistance Energy Awards (\$7 million). The Department of Energy is funding inter-tribal technical assistance energy providers' networks for Indian tribes. The Office of Indian Energy is seeking applications for this pilot program from inter-tribal organizations that will use internal energy experts to provide technical assistance on energy use to their tribal members. Awards are expected to range from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000, and will be for three to five years. For more information on the program and the application process, read "Frequently Asked Questions," <http://go.usa.gov/cp6Ck>.

DEADLINE: Thursday, April 14, 2016. Submit applications via <http://go.usa.gov/cp6aj>. The Funding Opportunity Announcement number is DE-FOA-0001453.

CONTACT: EERE-ExchangeSupport@hq.doe.gov or tribal@ee.doe.gov.

Pre-Disaster and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants (\$90 million; \$199 million). For the pre-disaster program, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is funding hazard mitigation projects that reduce risk to people and property. For the flood mitigation program, FEMA is funding efforts to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cwDxW> (for the disaster program; funding number, DHS-16-MT-029-000-99) and <http://go.usa.gov/cwDxC> (for the flood program; funding number, DHS-16-MT-029-000-99). Additional guidance is in "Fiscal Year 2015 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance and Addendum," <http://go.usa.gov/cwDam>.

DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 12 p.m. (Pacific Time). Submit applications online via the FEMA grants portal, <http://go.usa.gov/cwDa9>.

CONTACT: FEMA office, Region 9, <http://go.usa.gov/cwDaJ>.



TRAININGS & MEETINGS

Waste Not, Want Not. A first step in developing or refining a solid waste management plan might be signing up for "Developing a Tribal Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan." Offered by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, this three-day course will address creating, revising, or editing a plan tailored to tribes, and is designed for staff in environmental, utility, and administrative fields.

WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, to Thursday, April 14, 2016, Palm Springs, Calif.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION: Contact Roberta Tohannie at (928) 523-2082 or roberta.tohannie@nau.edu.

More Classes. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is also offering a series of classes on air quality. Here's what's coming up.

- **Fundamentals of Air Monitoring**, Tuesday, April 5, 2016, to Thursday, April 7, 2016. Las Vegas, Nev. This course provides an understanding of how to develop and conduct an air-monitoring project. Designed as an overview of the topic, the course will focus on criteria for air pollutants, as well as monitoring requirements for those seeking National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designations from their monitoring projects. It will also include information about meteorological monitoring and air toxics. Air-monitoring equipment will be available for hands-on activities.
- **GIS for Air Quality**, Tuesday, April 26, 2016, to Thursday, April 28, 2016, Las Vegas, Nev. This course will provide tribal environmental professionals with the skills to map and interpret air quality data using GIS (Geographic Information System) software. Participants will learn to integrate data (including Access and Excel file formats) into a GIS project. Prior GIS experience is not required; however, basic computer skills are necessary.

For more information, contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or (928)-523-6721.

Solid Waste Code Training. Learn how to conduct preliminary research, as well as devise, refine, and implement codes (ordinances) in "Developing and Implementing Tribal Solid Waste Codes." Hosted by ITEP, the course is open to up to 20 participants. ITEP will cover lodging costs in advance, and per diem and transportation expenses for employees of federally recognized tribes.

WHERE & WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 2016, to Thursday, May 12, 2016, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted before Friday, April 15, 2016. The application is attached



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CONTACT: For more information, call Robert Tohannie, (928) 523-2082.

Save the Date for Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. This year's "Tribal Lands and Environment Forum: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources" is happening in a few months, and there will be a lot going on. A highlight of the forum is the Multi-Media Meetup, where attendees can share information with tribal professionals, agency representatives, and researchers and students on such issues as solid waste, brownfields, Superfund, USTs, emergency response, and various water programs. For more information on the meetup, visit <http://ow.ly/YIxnH>. Also on the pre-forum agenda:

- **Session proposals:** Proposals are being accepted for breakout sessions on such topics as solid waste, brownfields, Superfund, USTs, emergency response and tribal water programs. Submissions deadline is Friday, May 6, 2016. For further information, visit <http://ow.ly/YIxOY>.
- **Vendors/exhibitors opportunities:** To reserve a table, visit <http://ow.ly/YIy3c>.

WHERE & WHEN: Mohegan Tribe's Mohegan Sun Resort, Uncasville, Conn., Monday, August 15, 2016, to Thursday, August 18, 2016.

REGISTRATION: Visit <http://ow.ly/YIyq2>. The deadline for requesting a travel fee scholarship is Monday, June 6, 2016.

CONTACT: Todd Barnell, todd.barnell@nau.edu, Julie Jurkowski, julie.jurkowski@nau.edu, or John Mead, john.mead@nau.edu.

Infrastructure Funding. Find out all about infrastructure grants, loan and bond financing programs and options by attending funding fairs hosted by the California Financing Coordinating Committee. Each month, from April through September, committee-member agencies conduct these fairs to educate the public and potential customers about the different member agencies, and the financial and technical resources available. Eligible infrastructure projects include drinking water, wastewater, water quality, water supply, water use efficiency, energy efficiency, and flood management.

WHERE & WHEN: The first fair is:

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Sacramento County Sanitation
10060 Goethe Rd
Sacramento, CA 95827

The Sacramento workshop will be webcast. The access link will be on the committee website at: <http://go.usa.gov/cwjuh>.

CONTACT: For information on the other funding fairs, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cwjJ4> or (916) 447-9832, ext. 1029.

Climate Change and Water Impacts Training. EPA now has a new Internet-based training, "Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources." It provides an overview of the challenges of climate change to clean water and safe drinking water programs, and enumerates steps being taken to address the threat. The training is at <http://go.usa.gov/cwDkA> .



ODDS & ENDS

FDA Says Stay Away From 'Bentonite Me Baby.' The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use "Bentonite Me Baby" by Alikay Naturals because of a potential lead-poisoning risk. Lab tests have showed an elevated level of lead in this product, according to the FDA. Bentonite Me Baby is marketed as medicinal clay and its labeling says that it can be ingested and applied to hair and skin. The FDA recommends that anyone who has used this product should consult a health care professional.

For more information on this product and its elevated lead levels, visit <http://go.usa.gov/cdreC>.

Seeking Assistance for Climate Forum. In September, more than 1,000 local, regional, and state leaders committed to addressing California's climate change adaptation needs are expected to attend the California Adaptation Forum in Long Beach, Calif. Organized by the Local Government Commission, the two-day schedule will include:

- plenaries with high-level government, business, and community leaders;
- breakout sessions on essential adaptation topics that reflect the diverse needs and challenges facing California;
- regional project tours highlighting adaptation efforts in Southern California;
- pre-forum workshops on tools and strategies for implementing adaptation solutions; and
- networking opportunities where participants can share insights, best practices, and lessons learned.

The organizers are looking for tribal representatives interested in issues of sustainability who would like to help in forum events. If you would like to help, contact Larry Greene, executive committee member, lgreene@airquality.org.