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Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference and Tribal Energy Evolution Summit to convene February 1-3, 2027, in Hollywood, Florida

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — The Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Native Learning Center, and the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy are joining forces to create a powerful three-day **#TribalCleanEnergyWeek** experience, bringing together the Seminole Tribe of Florida's **9th Annual Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference** and the Alliance's **5th Annual Tribal Energy Evolution Summit (TEES)**.

Held February 1-3, 2027, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida, the two co-located conferences will give attendees the opportunity to participate in both events in a single trip, creating an intentional progression from **Tribal experience to collective action**.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida conference will ground the gathering in real-world examples of what Tribes are accomplishing today: challenges overcome, lessons learned, successful projects, and innovative uses of clean energy and battery storage to advance sovereignty, economic security, climate resilience, and community well-being.

TEES will build on that foundation by convening Tribal leaders for deeper, facilitated dialogue about the policies, regulations, markets, and institutions that profoundly affect Tribal communities, and what must change to advance greater energy sovereignty across Indian Country.

Together, the two established Tribal energy conferences offer an expanded opportunity to learn from Tribal experience, strengthen relationships, identify shared priorities, and help shape the systems that influence Native Nations' energy futures.

What Attendees Can Expect

- **Tribal case studies and real-world lessons:** Hear directly from Native Nations about projects they have built, barriers they have overcome, approaches that have worked, and lessons learned along the way.
- **Clean energy and storage innovation:** Explore how Tribes are using renewable energy, battery storage, microgrids, and other technologies to strengthen resilience, economic security, and self-determination.
- **Practical strategies and resources:** Gain insight into financing, project development, infrastructure, partnerships, and other tools supporting Tribal energy goals.
- **Deep Tribal leadership dialogue:** Participate in facilitated conversations designed to move beyond presentations and create meaningful space for Tribal leaders to identify common challenges and shared priorities.
- **A focus on systemic change:** Examine the federal, state, regional, utility, and market decisions that affect Tribal energy development, affordability, reliability, and access to the grid.
- **One destination:** Both conferences will take place at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, allowing attendees to experience the full #TribalCleanEnergyWeek gathering without additional travel.

Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference

Now in its ninth year, the Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference was conceived by Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola Jr. as a way for the Seminole Tribe of Florida to share what it has learned through its own clean energy and sustainability work with other Tribal Nations.

The 2027 conference will expand that spirit of peer learning by bringing forward case studies from Tribes across Indian Country. Sessions will highlight successful projects, challenges overcome, lessons learned, and innovative approaches to using clean energy and battery storage to strengthen energy sovereignty, economic security, climate resilience, and community well-being.

> "When we began this conference, the idea was simple. If the Seminole Tribe had learned something that could help another Tribe, we should share it. Nine years later, Tribes across Indian Country are building projects, solving problems, and finding new ways to use energy to strengthen their communities. Bringing those

experiences together gives all of us the opportunity to learn from one another and move forward stronger."

— Chairman Marcellus W. Osceola Jr., Seminole Tribe of Florida

Tribal Energy Evolution Summit — TEES 2027

The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy's Tribal Energy Evolution Summit will take the conversation from **what Tribes are accomplishing** to **what must change to enable Tribal Nations to accomplish more**.

Facilitated by the experts at **Indigenous Collaboration**, TEES is intentionally designed to create a different kind of convening, one centered on deep connection, candid dialogue, shared priorities, and collective problem-solving among Tribal leaders.

Discussions will focus on the federal, state, regional, and utility decisions that have profound consequences for Tribal communities, including **energy and transmission policy, transmission planning and cost allocation, grid access and interconnection, utility rates and rate design, electricity affordability, permitting, energy market rules, infrastructure investment, reliability and resilience, and meaningful Tribal participation in the decisions that shape their energy futures.**

Rather than simply identifying the challenges, TEES creates space for Tribal leaders to examine where shared priorities exist, strengthen relationships, and consider how collective Tribal leadership can influence policy and regulatory outcomes.

"The Seminole Tribe of Florida's energy conference offers an opportunity to learn directly from Tribes and Alaska Native Villages about the transformative energy projects they are advancing — the challenges they have overcome and the innovative solutions they are deploying. They are eager to share what they have learned along the way in support of other Tribes.

TEES then asks and answers the important question: what needs to change so Tribal Nations can adopt as much clean energy as they choose, as quickly as they choose? Rates, transmission, interconnection, utility regulation, federal and state policy, and access to the grid all have profound consequences for Tribal communities. TEES creates space for Tribal leaders to go deeper together on these systemic issues, identify shared priorities, and determine where collective Tribal leadership can drive meaningful change."

***— Chéri Smith** (Mi'kmaq Descendant),*
President & CEO, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy

From Tribal Experience to Collective Action

By co-locating the two conferences, #TribalCleanEnergyWeek creates an intentional arc from **experience to action**: Tribal Nations sharing what they have built, what they have learned, and the barriers they have overcome, and Tribal leaders then coming together to address the larger systems that continue to shape energy sovereignty across Indian Country.

Registration and Hotel Information

- **Registration:** Register for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Renewable Energy & Sustainability Conference here. TEES registration information will be available soon at tribalcleanenergy.org/tribal-energy-evolution-summit.
- **Hotel Room Block:** A shared room block is available for attendees of both conferences at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Book accommodations here.

About the Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Learning Center

The Native Learning Center is an educational resource that offers Native and Indigenous people opportunities to gain knowledge and skills that improve quality of life through housing-related educational programs. The NLC hosts conferences and individual courses that bring Native and Indigenous people together to discuss vital topics that promote cultural development throughout Indian Country. In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs (EWONAP) and Native American trainers from throughout Indian Country, the NLC has developed areas of concentration that complement the work of national organizations supporting EWONAP's mission to promote Native housing and housing-related activities.

About the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy

The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy is an Indigenous-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit advancing self-determined clean energy transitions for Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Founded in 2016, the Alliance is fully philanthropically funded and, through its Indigenous Power & Light Fund for Energy Sovereignty, offers catalytic funding and no-cost technical, financial, policy, educational, and workforce development support to help Native Nations build resilient, sustainable economies and achieve their energy sovereignty goals while honoring and protecting Mother Earth for future generations.