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**Central Council Secures DOE Funding for Tribal Energy Projects**

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce that the Department of Energy (DOE) under its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program has awarded the Tribe \$285,866 for its tribal energy projects. DOE competitively selected 31 tribal energy projects and granted a total of \$6.3 million to be distributed over two years for feasibility studies, first-step planning projects, and installation projects on tribal lands.

The grant award, along with \$191,900 the Tribe secured in funding from DOE earlier last year, will be used to implement a three year energy retrofit project on six tribal buildings in Juneau, Alaska:

- Andrew Hope Building – 320 West Willoughby Avenue
- Edward K. Thomas Building – 9097 Glacier Highway
- Vocational Training and Resource Center – 3239 Hospital Way
- Douglas Head Start Building – 201 Cordova Street
- Tribal Court House – 358 West Willoughby Avenue
- Records Archive and Storage Building – 383 Village Street

The Tribe's energy improvement projects were identified based on the recommendations from an energy audit the Tribe had completed in 2010. The retrofit project will not only increase energy efficiency of tribal buildings, it will reduce Central Council's utility expenses, reduce energy waste and harmful emissions, expand the use of clean energy technologies, and promote economic development.

The Tribal Energy Program is a part of DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and promotes tribal energy efficiency, economic development, and employment on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The program also provides financial, technical, and training assistance to tribes for evaluation and development of their renewable energy resources and sustainable energy projects.

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