

# SOLAR FOR ALL: Connecting with NCN's Community Lenders to Expand Solar Access in Native Communities

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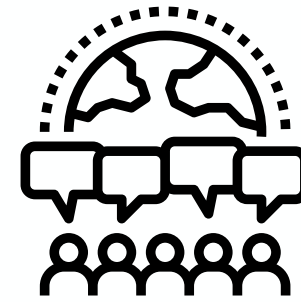
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# Overview of MTERA



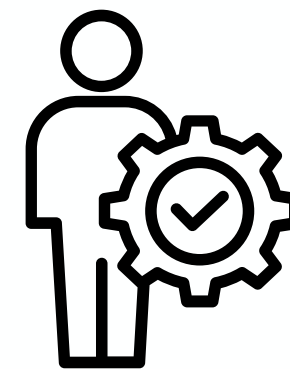
- Members: Tribes from EPA Region 5
- 2016: MTERA started with 5 members
- 2024: Now grown to 28 members
- Goal: Include all 36 Tribes in Region 5

## About Us

The **Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA)** is a non-profit intertribal organization founded in 2014 by Midwest Tribes to address energy challenges impacting Tribal lands.

## MTERA'S Mission

To empower Midwest Tribes to manage their energy resources through collective action.

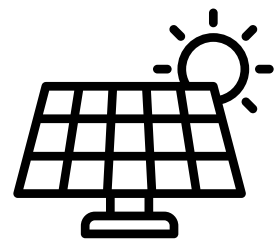


- **Governed by Tribal Energy Champions (TECs) appointed by their respective Tribal Councils**
- **Engaged Tribally** since TECs govern MTERA and are key to effectively deploying MTERA resources
- **Engaged regionally** with key energy stakeholders
- **Engaged nationally** with other intertribal organizations

# MTERA RECEIVES \$62M SOLAR FOR ALL AWARD

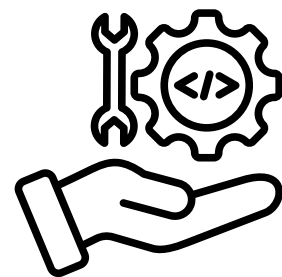
## PRIMARY GOAL

Deploy Tribally-owned residential and community solar Tribal Lands in the Midwest (MI, MN, WI, and IL) over the 5-year program



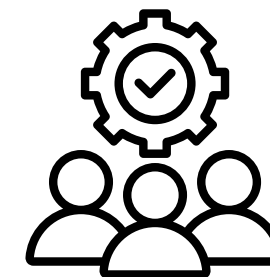
## RELATED GOAL

Provide comprehensive technical assistance to empower Tribes to lead, manage, and own SFA projects



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Implement a workforce development program to enhance Tribal self-determination to create rewarding solar careers



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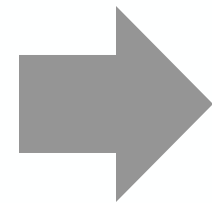
Leverage SFA activities to advance advocacy for Tribal clean energy policy to support the interests of Midwest Tribes



# KEYS TO SUCCESS

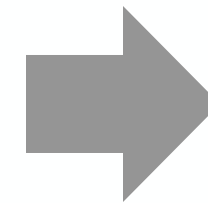
## **Empower Tribes**

- Direct financial assistance of \$1.1M
- Pre-construction technical assistance
- Project deployment support
- Access to financing mechanisms that support ITC utilization



## **Unlock Additional Resources & Optimal Projects**

- Leverage the ITC direct pay through development of low interest loans
- Collaborate with state SFA awardees to streamline service delivery to Tribes
- Enable optimal projects in restrictive solar policy



## **Integrate SFA with other MTERA programs**

- Fund energy-related capacity building efforts within each Tribe
- Develop region-wide Midwest Tribal energy leadership and advocacy
- Increase access to energy efficiency funding

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