



## **NEW MEXICO SUCCESS STORY**

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To use "the Strengths of the Father" to protect "the Gifts of the Mother" would best summarize Sacred Power Corporation's basic intent and philosophy. It is their belief that the world in which we live can change its current direction and dependence on polluting energy sources and convert to renewable technologies that provides clean long term solutions to today's energy problems.

Established in 2001, David Melton, owner of Diversified Systems, Mfg., and Odes Armijo-Caster, owner of Luz Energy Systems, decided to create a partnership corporation, Sacred Power Corporation. The combination put together Mr. Melton's manufacturing expertise with the renewable energy expertise with Mr. Armijo-Caster. Its charter is to provide renewable energy systems of its own proprietary design to federal, state, local and tribal governments, industry, commercial, and residential customers.

From the beginning Sacred Power's charter, in addition to re-vamping the renewable energy industry, has been to create economic opportunity. Whether this is in the reduction of fossil fuel energy usage; or the creation of the first renewable energy system integration manufacturing job; or the providing of electricity and refrigeration to remote Navajo homeowners for the first time in their lives, Sacred Power Corporation has realized its responsibility to those beyond the normal realm.

David Melton, a Laguna Tribal member and President and CEO of Sacred Power, brings electricity to isolated homes and facilities on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico and across the nation in rural-remote areas, using wind turbines and photovoltaic modules. As an emerging clean energy technology company, Sacred Power Corporation is experienced in all facets of renewable energy development including: - Telecommunication - Power Generation - Home Electrification - Village Electrification - Community Water - Water Heating - Live Stock Watering - Training & Education.

Sacred Power has extensive experience in designing and installing solar powered water pumping systems, solar hot water systems, solar hot air systems, and wind turbines. Sacred Power is an OEM distributor for Kyocera and XC3 PV modules, Bergey Wind Turbines and Generac generators. The products and services that Sacred Power provides include photovoltaic (PV)/hybrid skid mounted systems that have multiple methods of generating power. These combined systems include PV plus wind turbines, propane generators, hydrogen powered fuel-cells, batteries, inverters, tow-axis trackers, and water-chilled cooling cabinets. The new concept still leads the industry to this day.

The major customer base for their type of product is and remains federal, state, and tribal governments. Major customers include: U.S. Dept. Agriculture' Rural Utility Service; U. S. Dept. of Energy, Tribal Energy Program; U. S. Dept. of Defense, Army's Rapid Deployment Forces, Center for Army Analysis, Army Research Base; U. S. Dept. of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement Services, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife; State of New Mexico's Energy Office, National Guard Bureau, Park's Division; and multiple tribes throughout the Nation.

David Melton states that “within a short seven years, Sacred Power has built and installed over a 200 individual systems generating over 1.2 megawatts/hours/day spread out over the western United States ranging from Northern North Dakota to Laguna Pueblo, NM. Sacred Power systems are functioning at all levels. This include reduction of greenhouse gases, providing much needed electricity and lighting for home owners who are so far off-grid they would never get electricity from normal means. The children, who can now study by compact fluorescent lighting instead of kerosene lantern, will see their study habits improve 10-fold. The economic impact is immeasurable.”

Mr. Melton indicates that “to accomplish all our successes would not be possible without the Sacred Power of employees. Starting with just the owners, we now number 22, with need for more in the horizon.”

Sacred Power Corporation is an 8(a) certified small disadvantaged and Native American owned firm headquartered in Albuquerque, NM. The SBA 8(a) Program provides federal government contracts and other assistance to small companies owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons. This program is designed to assist socially and economic disadvantaged persons to obtain a greater share of federal government contracting through increased awareness of quality control tied to high level production goals.

In addition, David is participating in SBA’s Emerging 200 Training Initiative. The SBA Emerging 200 initiative enables the participating small businesses to engage in an intensive customized curriculum focused on developing a winning, expansion strategy for their business, including options for capital access and contracting. David is one of 19 small business executives participating in this program.

David has extensive experience in his field. He learned his business, manufacturing craft from the tribal owned, defense contract manufacturing company – Laguna Industries, Inc., where he worked for 10 years, as budget analyst, Human Resource Manager, Program Manager, Marketing Manager, and Contracts Manager. In 1997 he created his own company, Diversified Systems, Mfg., to assist the tribes with their renewable energy development opportunities. In 2001 a partnership was agreed upon between Diversified Systems, Mfg and Luz Energy Systems to create Sacred Power Corporation. Sacred Power Corporation and David Melton, have been recognized with several awards. These include: 2005 U. S. Department of Commerce/Minority Business Development Agency’s (MBDA) Regional Director’s Award; 2006 SBA Minority Person of the Year; *New Mexico Business Weekly*, Best 25 Native-Owned Businesses (revenue) 2002-2007; and Flying 40 Award, 2007-2008 - 40 Fastest growing technology firms in New Mexico. David Melton was also awarded the first Annual American Indian Entrepreneurial Leadership Award from the UNM Anderson School of Management’s American Indian Business Association in May 2001. In addition, Mr. Melton is a member of the NM Solar Industry Association, the NM Solar Energy Association, the Interagency Advanced Power Group, and Leadership Albuquerque Alumni Association. David currently is the Chairman (2004-2009) of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of New Mexico (AICCNM). He also serves (2005-2009) his tribe as a member of the Board of Directors, Pueblo of Laguna Utility Authority.

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