

Mni Wiconi Rural Water

Project Description

The Mni Wiconi Rural Water System will provide drinking water for residents of three tribal water systems and one non-tribal system where previous water supplies were insufficient or of poor quality. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding will provide \$10 million for the rehabilitation of Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education school water systems on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation prior to receiving water from the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System. An additional \$10 million will include water treatment or intake modifications (\$2.45 million), backup generators (\$5.14 million) and backup wells or increased storage (\$2.1 million) to improve water system reliability to the overall system.



Project Benefits

Completing these activities will:

- Provide drinking water to people that currently have poor quality water or have to haul water.
- Reduce administrative costs by completing the Mni Wiconi Project sooner.
- Accelerate portions of the Mni Wiconi Project that serve schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
- Improve the reliability of water delivery systems within the schools.

Project Status

- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe - \$2.174 million in funding was provided on Oct. 5, 2009. The Tribe has begun construction on some ARRA activities, with the remaining work to begin in the near future. ARRA work is scheduled to be completed by July 2011.
- Oglala Sioux Tribe – Core System - \$2.461 million in funding was provided on Nov. 20, 2009. Construction contracts for backup generators and chlorination booster stations will be advertised in the near future with work scheduled to be completed by July 2011.
- Oglala Sioux Tribe – On-Reservation - \$12.708 million in funding was provided on Nov. 20, 2009. Construction contracts on the BIA School rehabilitation work, backup generators, and chlorination booster stations will be advertised in the near future with work scheduled to be completed by December 2011.
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe - \$3.042 million in funding was provided on Dec. 17, 2009. Construction contracts on the backup generators and two storage reservoirs will be advertised in the near future with work scheduled to be completed by August 2011.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$20.934 million

For more information

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