

SOUTHWEST TRIBES IN THE NEWS

TRIBAL GROUPS TO SPLIT \$1.26 MIL FROM FIRMS: (Arizona Republic, June 12, 2012): Eight Native American organizations will split \$1.26 million from Salt River Project and Tucson Electric Power as part of an ongoing settlement that allowed the companies to expand a coal-fired plant. When the utilities expanded the Springerville Generating Station in 2009, they faced protests from the Grand Canyon Trust environmental organization and agreed to set aside \$5 million for renewable-energy projects that reduce pollution. The Renewable Energy Investment Fund, or REIF, has now distributed more than \$2.2 million to a variety of projects. Roger Clark, program director for the Grand Canyon Trust, said that the projects were selected from several applications. "In the end, we selected eight well-planned proposals from organizations that provide essential services to their communities," he said. The latest awardees include:

- The Waik O'Odham Foundation: \$200,000 for a solar array.
- STAR School: \$95,000 for wind and solar projects.
- Tolani Lake Chapter House: \$110,000 for solar.
- Hopi Office of Elderly Services: \$253,000 for a solar array on an assisted-living facility.
- Salt River Community Housing: \$270,000 for a solar array.
- Little Singer, Dilkon Community, Leupp, NATIVE & Shonto Preparatory schools: \$236,000 for wind & solar systems.
- Moenkopi and Hopi day schools: \$65,000 for wind and solar.
- Hualapai Housing: \$30,000 for solar daylighting.

YOCHA DEHE BUILDING EARNS LEED PLATINUM RATING *(Daily Democrat, June 15, 2012)*



Yocha Dehe's new Facilities Office Building meets LEED Platinum standards, showing environmental responsibility that stem from native traditions.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's new Facilities Office Building has earned a LEED Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. This top level certification recognizes environmental excellence, providing "independent, third-party verification that a building meets the highest green

building and neighborhood performance measures."

"We are proud of our entire team for attaining this important goal," said Marshall McKay, chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. "Responsible stewardship of our land and resources is a core value of our Tribe that we strive to incorporate into all we do." Building to meet LEED Platinum standards is the latest example of Yocha Dehe's overarching commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability that stems from its native traditions. This commitment is a foundation of all of its operations from agriculture to hospitality to tribal governance. The Tribe's environmental programs include clean energy generation and conservation, water recycling, carpools and public transit subsidies, organic farming, efficient irrigation and sustainable agricultural practices, recycling and sustainable procurement. The two story, 3,785-square-foot Facilities Office Building is located near the Tribe's administrative offices on trust land in Brooks. The building houses the Tribe's Facilities and Infrastructure, Information Technology, and Environmental Departments. Incorporated in its design and construction are technologies and measures to curb erosion, support native vegetation, conserve water, reduce energy consumption, reuse recycled materials, limit emissions and pollutants, and promote responsible ongoing behavior including recycling and carpooling.

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY RECEIVES \$3 MILLION FROM U.S. LABOR

DEPARTMENT TO FUND WORKFORCE INNOVATION: In the first ever use of the Career Pathways model for employment services in Indian Country, the U.S. Labor Department has granted the [Gila River Indian Community](#) \$3 million to fund workforce innovation—a model dubbed "[Pay for Success](#)." Career Pathways is the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration's workforce development strategy to support workers' transitions from education through training and the workforce. Funding from the program will be used to develop new strategies to help tribal residents return to work. The goal is to streamline services and facilitate cooperation across programs and funding streams. "Pay for Success" will focus on partnerships with specific employers or industry sectors to create programs that reflect current

and future skill needs. The Gila River Indian Community's award is among 26 grants, ranging from \$1 million to \$12 million each, totaling \$146.9 million awarded nationwide. Awards will benefit state workforce agencies and local workforce investment boards, as well as one Workforce Investment Act Section 166 grantee serving Indian and Native American communities. In spring 2013, the Labor Department expects to announce the availability of another \$20 million for the second round of Workforce Innovation Fund funding to support "Pay for Success." The initiative represents a new way of financing workforce investment projects through which the government only pays for services that achieve measurable results, shifting the risk of investment from the government to the private sector.

For more info. about Pay for Success, visit

http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm. To learn more about the DOL Workforce Innovation Fund, visit http://www.doleta.gov/workforce_innovation. For a full list of Workforce Innovation Fund grantees, go to <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20121237.htm>. Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/06/14/gila-river-indian-community-receives-3-million-from-u-s-labor-department-to-fund-workforce-innovation-118488#ixzz1yAlclNkU>

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBES RECEIVES BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT FROM U.S. EPA TO HELP CLEAN UP CONTAMINATED SOILS AT THE OLD McNARY LUMBER MILL.

EPA Announces \$69.3 Million to Clean Up Contaminated Sites and Revitalize Communities - \$1.3 Million will protect people's health and the environment, create jobs and promote economic redevelopment in Arizona: The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) \$69.3 million in grants for new investments will provide communities with funding necessary to clean and redevelop contaminated properties, boost local economies and create jobs while protecting public health. In Arizona, \$1.3 million will be split among the cities of Flagstaff, Yuma and the White Mountain Apache Tribe to assess and clean up contaminated properties. Nationally, the 245 grantees include tribes and communities in 39 states across the country, funded by EPA's Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) grants, and Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental grants. The grants awarded will assess and clean up abandoned industrial and commercial properties. Nearly half of the grantees this year are new awardees who demonstrate a high level of commitment for undertaking specific projects and leveraging the funding to move those projects forward. Arizona's Tribal Grant Recipient is **White Mountain Apache Tribe** for a brownfields cleanup grant totaling \$200,000. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former McNary Lumber Mill site located south of Highway 260 in McNary, AZ. The site, which operated as a lumber mill from 1915 to 1980, is contaminated with PCBs, heavy metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

See list of all awarded Brownfields grants by state:

http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf_factsheets/. More info. on EPA's Brownfields program is available at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>. More info. on Brownfields success stories is at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/success/index.htm>