

Rosebud Sioux Tribe A LAKOTA UTILITY SUBMITTED BY: RST RESCO TEAM

Project Summary

Our proposed solution to the Buildings UP competition will develop a new utility model to implement deep energy retrofits and create economic activity and opportunity for our people.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe recently established RESCo, the Tribe's new utility. Our proposed concept plan will build RESCo in a new utility model that is based on our Lakota values and our Strategic Energy Plan;

RST STRATEGIC ENERGY PLAN VISION STATEMENT

The Sicangu Oyate are set to move forward in a positive way to reclaim our rightful existence within our traditional philosophy, to live in harmony with Wakan Tanka, and to empower our people to develop an economy based on renewable energy development, building small and community scale wind and solar energy platforms within a distributed energy system, to initially lower or maintain a level of affordability of our energy bills and then to expand outward, building businesses out of this effort, reaching further, teaching and selling this business product and platform to the world beyond the reservation, employing our people and educating our youth along the way.

Key Partners



RESCo



Project Outcomes

Our project will promote deep energy efficiency retrofits for buildings in our rural community. We envision these projects will initiate worker development and training efforts and the creation of new businesses owned by Tribal members. The skills, capabilities and lessons learned from this effort will then be replicated in adjacent communities

Our project integrates our Lakota culture into a new utility model to deliver clean, efficient and resilient power to our customers.