

For Immediate Release

Caddo Nation and University of Oklahoma to Co-Host Native Renewable Energy Symposium

Event Details:

- Dates: September 12th & 13th, 2024
- Location: Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, 2401 Chautauqua Avenue, Norman, OK 73072-7029
- Recommended Hotel: NCED Hotel, 2801 East State Hwy 9, Norman, OK 73071

For more information and to register, please visit:

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The Caddo Nation, in partnership with the University of Oklahoma (OU), is proud to announce the upcoming Native Renewable Energy Symposium, scheduled for September 12th and 13th, 2024, at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma.

This two-day event brings together tribal leaders, energy experts, policymakers, and academics to explore the tremendous opportunities for renewable energy projects in Indian Country. With the December 31st, 2024 deadline to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars rapidly approaching, this symposium aims to equip Tribes with the knowledge and strategies needed to deploy significant capital and leverage available tax credits for renewable energy initiatives.

This is an opportunity to interface with U.S. Department of Energy, Senior Tribal Liaison for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs to learn about available grants and programs to assist tribes with energy development.

Event Highlights:

- Learn about ARPA compliance requirements and eligible uses
- Explore financial strategies for renewable energy projects
- Discuss challenges and solutions for successful implementation
- Network with industry leaders and fellow tribal representatives

Hosted by:

- RANGE (tRANsition to Green Energy in gas-producing regions)
- OU Native Nations Center
- OU Institute for Community and Society Transformation
- Caddo Nation Economic Development Authority (CNEDA)

Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman of the Caddo Nation, emphasized the importance of this event: "As we lead the charge in clean energy innovation, this symposium represents a crucial step in our journey towards a sustainable and prosperous future for all Native Nations."

The symposium aligns with the missions of its hosts:

RANGE, Caddo Nation subsidiaries, SAKU Development and Clean Energy Power, the OU Native Nations Center, and the OU Institute for Community and Society Transformation.

- RANGE focuses on enabling a practical transition to green energy in gas-producing regions like Oklahoma.
- The OU Native Nations Center works to enhance mutual understanding and support research and policy needs of Tribal Nations.
- The OU Institute for Community and Society Transformation aims to reduce inequity and forge new pathways toward positive societal transformation.
- The Caddo Nation, through its Clean Energy Power initiative, is exploring various avenues of clean energy, including hydrogen technology, geothermal energy, and more efficient fossil fuel use.
- Caddo Nation's Saku Development

"This symposium embodies our commitment to strengthening the institution-to-institution relationship between the University of Oklahoma and Tribal Nations," said a representative from the OU Native Nations Center. "It's an opportunity to bridge Western and Indigenous knowledge structures for the advancement of clean energy solutions."

For more information and to register, please visit [insert registration link].

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