

Indian Education Renewable Energy Challenge

IEED in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and Argonne National Laboratory sponsored *The Indian Education Renewable Energy Challenge* - a contest for students attending high schools funded by the BIE and tribal colleges. In the contest students created small wind turbine systems that harnessed wind energy, stored it mechanically or electrically and then used the stored energy to power an array of LEDs. The Indian Education Renewable Energy Challenge is an opportunity for students and teachers to learn about green and renewable energy technology that tribes can use to promote economic self-sufficiency and energy independence while providing futures for youth. The contest ran through the fall and winter of 2009, culminating with an awards presentation in DC in April 2009 at the Department of the Interior. In 2010 at the college level, the first place award was shared by the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute from Albuquerque, New Mexico and College of Menominee Nation from Keshena, Wisconsin. At the high school level the first place winner is the Oneida Nation High School from Oneida, WI. The winning teams were flown to Washington, DC for a reception with the Assistant Secretary and awards ceremony on April 8, 2010.