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Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy advances renewables plans

<u>Seneca Environmental</u>, energy solutions division of Seneca Holdings, LLC, an investment vehicle wholly owned by the Seneca Nation, has been confirmed as the first Preferred Provider for the <u>Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy</u>, an Indigenous-led nonprofit organisation that aims to help tribal nations in the US deliver new renewable energy projects.

The Alliance is currently supporting over 75 tribes with nearly 8GW of clean energy in development. The new Preferred Provider Program aims to tackle barriers to renewable energy development on Native land.

At least 60 GW of untapped solar energy potential and at least 1 GW of wind potential exist on Native lands, and unprecedented new federal legislation and initiatives have made billions of dollars of funding available for tribal renewable

energy projects, the group said. However, many Native communities lack the capacity to finance and build these projects, and finding trusted renewable energy development companies and partners is a significant obstacle.

"We are pleased to partner with Seneca Environmental, the first official Preferred Provider that has successfully completed our vetting process," said Chéri Smith, President and CEO of the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy. "Seneca Environmental has consistently shown a dedication to building trusted relationships with tribes. With their strong technical expertise and ample capacity, they have proven their ability to deliver results. What sets them apart is their commitment to meeting tribes where they are and empowering them to drive decisions. This approach ensures that project prioritisation and ownership models are closely aligned with the tribe's goals."

Jeffrey Ellis, CEO of Seneca Holdings, said: "In our work with Native communities across the nation, we are helping tribes develop projects that are aligned with their unique goals. We are also committed to building capacity across Indian Country so that Native communities can improve their economies and further their energy independence."