



# Economic Developments

## Program Director's Meeting



March 5, 2012, the Program Directors and staff met with the Chairman to discuss the 10 Year Planning Update and the projects that are being contemplated by the Economic Development Office. Each program provided an update on program activities and discussed the issues they are seeing within the programs related to the oil and gas development from the Bakken. An important discussion took place about the increased traffic on Highway 2 and the enforcement of speed limits to protect community members. The next Program Directors meeting will be the first week in June. For more information, contact Rita Weeks at 406.768.2401.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### April 4-5, 2012

The State Tribal Relations Committee is visiting the Fort Peck Tribes. The agenda is included at the end of the newsletter. The meeting will be held at the Greet The Dawn auditorium, Poplar, MT beginning at 9:00 AM. Contact Andi Archdale at 406.768.2335.

#### April 11-13

2012 MT Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation. Great Falls, MT. Contact Victor Bjornberg, Montana Office of Tourism, at 406.841.2795

#### April 17-19

Upper Missouri Tribal Environmental Risk Mitigation Training Session, sponsored by United Tribes Technical College in Rapid City, SD - Howard Johnson Inn & Suites. Contact Barbara Schmitt at UTTC 701.225.3285

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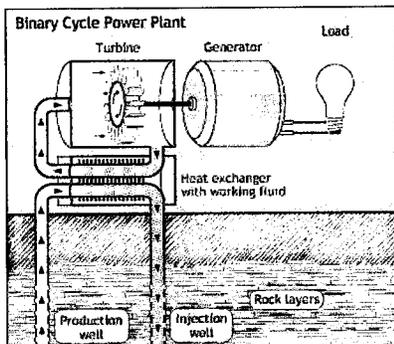
### IT COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Information Technology Committee is made up of tribal employees from a variety of departments who research and make recommendations to the Council on IT issues. Committee members are Shawn Olson, Chair; Johnny Doney, Vice Chair; Matt Gordon, Secretary; Arnie Big Horn, Eric Bruguier, Brent Farrell, Robert Littlehead, Renee Martell,

Terry Rattlingthunder, and Warren Means. Recently, Tony Shields was hired on a 30 day appointment to complete a comprehensive IT assessment and help set up the new tribal IT department. Two IT department positions will be created and advertised this spring. For more information contact Shawn or Johnny.



FORT PECK GEOTHERMAL FEASIBILITY STUDY



Upper: GSHP Presentation: By Tashina Tibbitts at UND  
Lower: Schematic of Binary Cycle

Tashina Tibbitts and Shawn Olson traveled to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, as part of the Geothermal Feasibility study funded by the US Department of Energy. The meeting with UND Geothermal Department covered an introduction to new geothermal power generation technologies available today, feasible mathematical formulas, graphing techniques that can be utilized for Fort Peck Tribes current feasibility study, and presentations by UND graduate students.

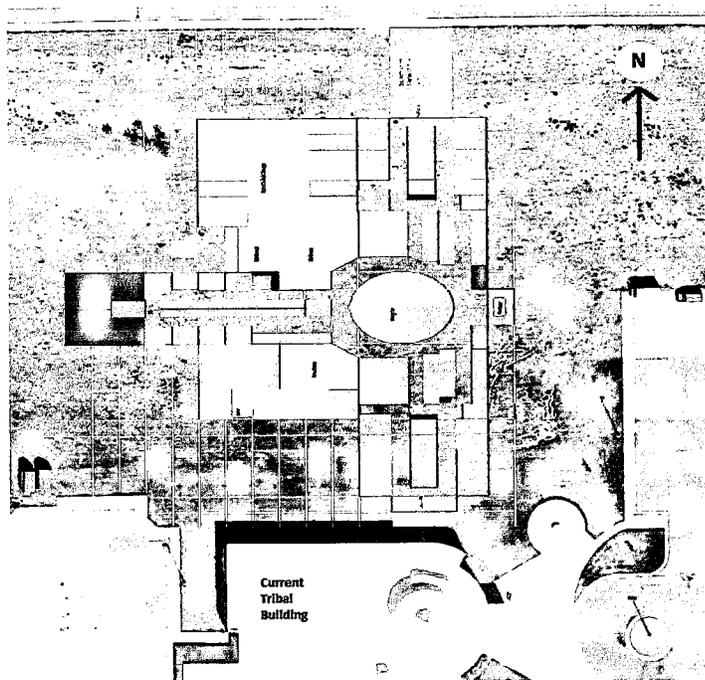
The potential to collaborate with UND and implement a binary geothermal plant on the Fort Peck Reservation is a great opportunity. A Binary Geothermal plant uses steam produced from geothermal reservoirs to generate electricity. They are closed loop systems and

virtually nothing except water vapor is emitted to the atmosphere.

The ground temperature of an oil well drilled on the reservation was recorded in the 1950's at 265 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature was the highest ever recorded in the State of Montana which is the starting point for a Binary Geothermal Plant.

Tashina also presented the Fort Peck Tribes Residential Ground Source Heat Pump(GSHP) project to the faculty, staff, and students. This project is also funded by the US Department of Energy. The project trained 4 members certified in GSHP Installation and Fusion to install 8 GSHP through out the reservation. For more information contact Tashina Tibbitts at 406.768.2342.

TRIBAL BUILDING PHASE III



Pictured is the preliminary architectural overlay of Phase III of the Tribal Building by Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson from Billings, MT. The new Tribal Building will provide enough office space to accommodate all of the programs and offices that are currently at the ASD offices as well as the programs located in the Norman Hollow Resource Center. The Preliminary Engineering Report has been completed and an RFP for Architectural & Engineering Design bids was advertised in March. The Tribes have received 6 bids and they will be scored during the first two weeks of April. Also of note, the contracts for the new detention facility will be finalized April 9, 2012 and construction will begin shortly thereafter. For more information contact Jackie Weeks at 406.768.2302.



PEOPLE DATA SYSTEMS MEMBERSHIP DATA MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Nineteen Tribal Program representatives attended the March 14th, People Data Systems training session at the Fort Peck Community College. People Data Systems is a company based out of Redding, California. The Data Management Software is part of the Progeny software used by the Enrollment Office.

community. This process is in the demonstration stage and will enable Tribes to have up to date vital statistics about the Tribal Membership. Security access to specific layers of information are built into the system so a specific program can define what is confidential and prevent unauthorized access to the information.

The software will enable programs to maintain a comprehensive demographic profile of the Fort Peck service population and accommodates current and accurate information that is logically generated in a uniform and professional format for each participating Tribal Department and Program. Data can be collected from multiple programs and used with the GIS demographic mapping system. When writing grants, knowing how many Tribal members reside in a specific community is an essential part of the grant requirements, vs. using outdated and generalized state data.

The software can be installed on several computers, but currently only 3 programs can enter data into the system at one time. To begin with the system has been installed in the Community Services Program (CSP), the Economic Development Office's Cold Weather Program, and the third has yet to be determined. If you attended the training and would like to volunteer to use the system, please contact Tashina Tibbitts at 406.768.2342 and she can have the software installed. Current computers are preferred to the older models.

Reporting functions are built into the system and can be customized for income levels, poverty rates, and location within a specific community or area of a

In the future, the Tribes will be working with the IT Committee to incorporate one individual within the Tribes who will have full access to all data.

PLANNING IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING SESSION



Four Tribal programs were represented at the Strategic Leadership training session conducted by Action Strategy. The training was centered on the real world analysis of where the planning process falls short of being implemented. A specific gem of wisdom was how to look at

the system in place and determine what it is set up to do - meaning, if you have the same outcome every time, (i.e. failed implementation) then is the system set up to produce that result?

As a part of the training, Action Strategy trainer, Charles Dayton showed the group how to use the internet based planning tools to achieve measurable results. The planning tools are designed to provide real time implementation information based on the performance of finite tasks assigned to specific staff members.

The Economic Development Office will use the planning tools in it's next planning sessions. The Ten Year Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Document (CEDSD) will be input into the planning tools and monitored throughout the year.

The Fort Peck Multi-Program Collaboration Plan developed by HPDP, Tribal Courts, and Spotted Bull will also be input into the planning tool. For more information contact Walter White Tail Feather at 406.768.2344,



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT SUBMITTED

The Economic Development Office submitted a Tribal Historic Preservation Planning Grant for \$33,163.95 to conduct a building condition assessment including historical research about how the building was used. Contact Shawn Olson 406.768.2341 for more information.