

# ***Aroostook Band of Micmacs Strategic Energy Planning Initiative***

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*Presented to:*

**US DOE Tribal Energy Program**

**FY05 Program Review Meeting**



# *Presentation Overview*

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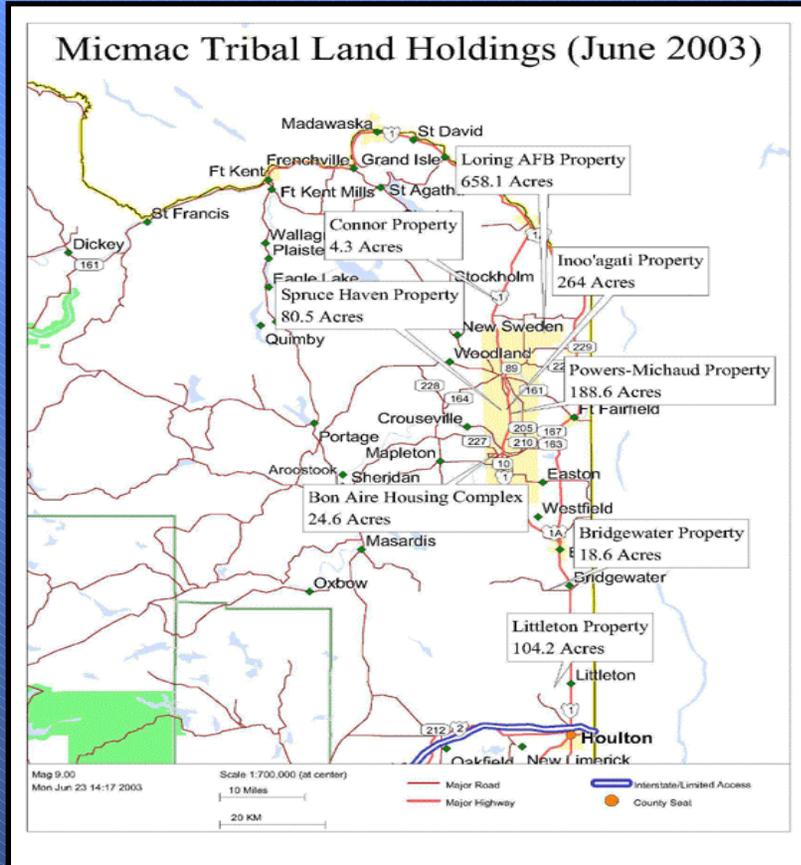
# *ABM Background and Demographics*



- **1,000 Members in ABM**
- **Micmac Nation: 7 districts of 29 bands with 30,000 members**
- **Federally recognized on November 26, 1991**
- **Median income \$18,059 compared to 34,018 statewide; 42% unemployment**



# Geographic Area



- Northern Maine
- Most tribal members reside in Aroostook County, northernmost county in Maine
  - 620 tribal members dispersed over 6,672 square miles
- 15% Population decline in county due to closing of Loring Air Force Base



# *Energy Perspective*

- **Energy Critical to Economic Development and Tribal Budget**
- **Maine among highest energy costs nationwide**
- **Energy one of ABM highest expenses**
  - Tribal government spends >\$200K annually on energy and energy assistance programs
- **Energy will play key role in redevelopment of Loring Air Force Base**
- **Opportunities: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

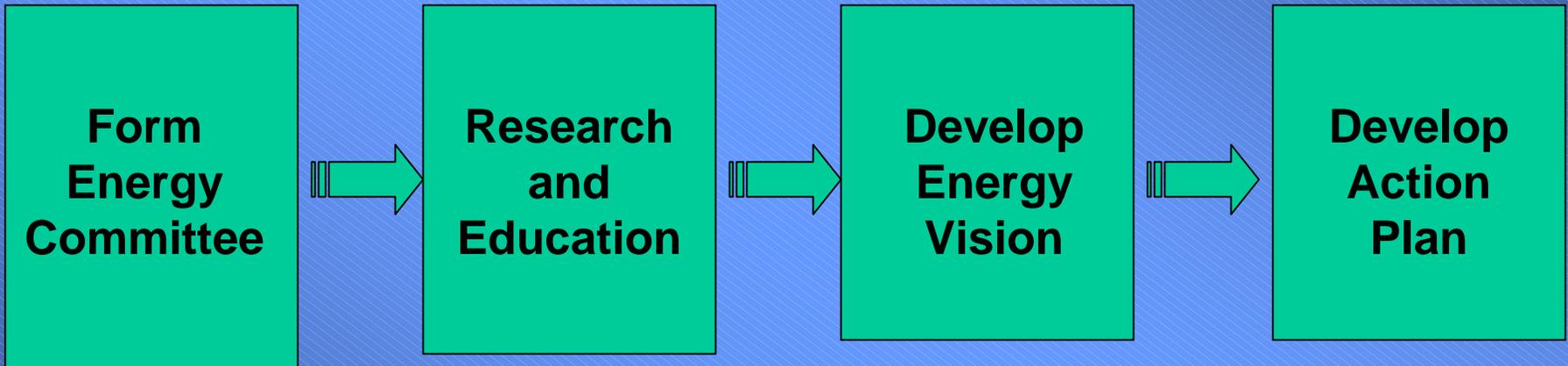


# *Project Goals and Objectives*

- **Energy Independence**
  - Independence from outside suppliers
  - Self-Determination
- **Economic Development**
  - Attract Businesses / Support Loring AFB Redevelopment
  - Job creation
  - Generate Tribal Revenue



# *Project Activities*



# *Project Partners*

US DOE  
Tribal Energy  
Program

KEMA  
*(energy  
consultants)*



Aroostook Band of Micmacs

Lori Colombo  
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consultant)*



# *Next Steps*

- **Form Energy Committee**
- **Project Kickoff Meeting**
- **Detailed Schedule Development**

