To better understand how the recommendations of the 180(c) IRT will apply to the grant program
To gain experience and obtain feedback from Mock Merit Review Panel on the budget justification process (e.g., the level of detail required in application justifications).
To evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the communication process between DOE and the applicants and provide feedback to DOE.
To evaluate the proposed draft funding allocation method identified by the IRT.
EXERCISE PLAN
PARTICIPANTS

• TWO STATES PER REGIONAL GROUPS
• INDIAN TRIBE FROM EACH REGIONAL GROUP
• MERIT REVIEW PANEL
• REGION STAFF
• DOE PERSONNEL
SCHEDULE

- DECEMBER - SELECT TWO STATES PER REGION
- JANUARY-FEBRUARY - DEVELOP APPLICATION
- MARCH – APRIL MERIT REVIEW
- MAY - PRESENT AT NTSF
STATE REQUIREMENTS

• PARTICIPANT MUST ATTEND NTSF MEETING MAY 11-14, 2015
• ACTIVITIES BETWEEN JANUARY AND MAY 2015
• TIME COMMITMENT OF 40-60 HOURS
• SELECT ROUTE OF AT LEAST 100 MILES
• MAY SELECT MULITABLE ROUTE
• SELECT SITE OF ORIGIN
RESOURCES

- GRANT GUIDANCE – DOE
- START PROGRAM AND TRAINING WILL BE AVAILABLE
- SAMPLE NEEDS ASSESSMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
- REGIONAL STAFF SUPPORT
PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION APPROACH

- STATE PROVIDES A DETAILED NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- FUNDING FOR PLANNING/ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, TO INCLUDE TRAINING AND OPERATION
- INITIAL PHASE UP TO 200K FOR P/A
- SECOND PHASE BASE UP TO 100K PER YEAR FOR LIFE OF GRANT (ADJUSTED)
- STATE IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADJUSTED AMOUNT BASE ON THE FORMULA
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