



# BERING STRAIT REGIONAL ENERGY SUMMIT



**Tuesday, May 7** *Mini Convention Center | Nome, AK*

**Day one theme: Sharing our expectations and experience.**

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| 8:30-9:00   | Registration, coffee, light breakfast   |
| 9:00-9:30   | Welcome – Melanie Bahnke, CEO, Kawerak, Inc.<br>Meeting Overview – Amanda Toerdal, Kawerak, Inc.  |
| 9:30-11:15  | Introductions   |
| 11:15-12:00 | <b>Morning business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2015 Bering Strait Regional Energy Plan: Summary &amp; review<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o <i>Rob Bensin</i></li></ul></li><li>- Kawerak Energy Program: Goals, energy network, steering committee<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Amanda Toerdal, Kawerak, Inc.</li></ul></li><li>- Village of Solomon Energy Planning<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Deilah Johnson, Village of Solomon</li></ul></li></ul> |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch (provided) & networking time<br>Door prizes at end of lunch   |
| 13:00-13:30 | <b>Afternoon presentation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Energy planning for future project funding<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Anahma Shannon, Kawerak Environmental Program</li></ul></li></ul>  |
| 13:30-15:15 | <b>Facilitated sessions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The State of Energy in our Region</li><li>- Steering Committee Leadership Formation</li></ul>  |
| 15:15-15:30 | Break & door prizes   |
| 15:30-16:30 | <b>Structured Networking Event</b>  |
| 16:30       | Adjourn   |



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**Wednesday, May 8** *Mini Convention Center | 102 River Street | Nome, AK*  
**Theme Day 2: Sharing our projects.**

- 8:30-9:00 Registration, coffee, light breakfast  
Welcome
- 9:00-10:30 **Community Case Study Presentations:**
- Wind projects in the region
    - o Brian Hirsch, Deerstone Consulting
    - o Reese Huhta, Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative
  - Water/Sewer Projects in the region
    - o *Jonathan Pierson, ANTHC*
  - Cold climate housing & building projects in the region
    - o *Aaron Cooke, CCHRC*
- 10:30-10:45 Break & door prizes
- 10:45-11:45 **Presentations continued:**
- Energy studies and research in the region
    - o Michelle Wilber, ACEP
    - o Bailey Gamble, ANTHC / ACEP
  - Water treatment plant upgrade project
    - o *Speaker TBD*
  - Weatherization 101 for your home & projects in the region
    - o Dennis Waldron, RurAL CAP
- 11:45-13:00 Lunch (provided) & networking time
- 13:00-14:30 Round table discussions on project planning
- 14:30-14:45 Break & door prizes
- 14:45-15:30 Utilities overview & panel discussion with:
  - o *AVEC, UVEC, GLV, WMO, DIO, NJUS*
- 15:30-16:30 Adjourn for energy fair setup & afternoon break

**4:30-7:30P.M. Community Energy Fair, Open to the Public**  
**Mini Convention Center**



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**Thursday, May 9** *Mini Convention Center | 102 River Street | Nome, AK*  
**Theme Day 3: Learning together.**

- 8:30-9:00 Registration, coffee, light breakfast  
Welcome
- 9:00-10:45 **Morning energy presentations:**
- Waging War on the High Cost of Energy
    - o Givey Kochanowski, DOE
  - Emerging energy technologies and companies
    - o *Isaac Vanderburg, Launch Alaska*
    - o *Tim Willink, GRID Alternatives*
  - Power plants 101 and incorporating renewables into your grid
    - o *Bill Stamm, AVEC*
- 10:45-11:00 Break & door prizes
- 11:00-12:00 **Funding strategies & financing options:**
- USDA loan programs
    - o *Jessie Huff, USDA*
  - AEA financing and grant opportunities
    - o *Katie Conway, AEA*
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch (provided) & networking time
- 13:00-14:30 **Afternoon energy presentations:**
- Buildings and energy use in the Bering Strait Region
    - o Dustin Madden, CCHRC
  - Kawerak building monitoring training project
    - o Tyler Boyes, AHFC
  - Energy projects in the region, bulk fuel storage
    - o Tom Wolf, Denali Commission
  - How the NSEDC bulk fuel program work
    - o Amanda Patrick, NSEDC
- 14:15-14:30 Break & door prizes
- 14:30-15:45 **Hands-on energy workshops:**
- Home energy efficiency tips to take home
    - o Taylor Ferguson, REAP
  - Producing energy for your camp or home
    - o Art Nash, UAF Cooperative Extension



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## **Hands-on energy workshops continued:**

- "A man and his cart:" a mobile energy project
  - o Dayne Ellanna, UAF Cooperative Extension

15:45-16:15

## **Closing presentation:**

- Looking to the future: climate change and energy
  - o Deilah Johnson, Village of Solomon

16:30

Adjourn

*Optional: Stick around for more educational opportunities on Friday, May 10!*

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**Friday, May 10** *UAF Northwest Campus | 400 Front Street | Nome, AK*

## **Theme Day 4: Continuing education.**

*Choose to attend one of two full-day workshops happening at the UAF Northwest Campus in Nome!  
Separate flyers available for more information.*

### **Grant Writing Workshop**

Taught by Meredith Noble, SenecaWorks

*An all-day course about the fundamentals of grant writing, tips for making successful proposals, and strategies for getting your projects funded. A perfect course for anyone from beginner to expert grant writers, or those just interested in getting started writing grants.*

Learn more about SenecaWorks & grant writing resources at:

[learngrantwriting.org](http://learngrantwriting.org)

-Or-

### **Strategic Energy Management Workshop**

Taught by Chris McConnell, ANEEE & Carolyn Ramsey, AHFC

*An all-day course about managing energy in your community. Geared towards utility managers, power plant operators, maintenance workers, and others who work closely with utilities in their communities.*

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