

Karen J. Atkinson
Biography

Karen Atkinson is the Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Business and Economic Development, Department of Energy (DOE), which supports the nation's energy goals by increasing knowledge and access to entrepreneurial opportunities at the DOE and in the energy sector. At DOE, Karen developed an Energy Sector Business Opportunity Program to educate businesses on supply chain opportunities and make industry connections. She has also developed workforce partnerships with industry, local governments, and community based organizations to increase energy job opportunities in diverse communities. Throughout her career Ms. Atkinson has been a strong advocate for tribal economic development and small business issues. Karen is graduate of Stanford University and the University of New Mexico Law School.