

## Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma P.L. 102-477 Program Honored

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The 2012 Public Law 102-477 National Conference was held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme, Mich., March 5 - 8. An award ceremony was held at the last general session of the conference on Thursday, March 8.

There are four Awarding Official Technical Representatives (AOTRs) employed by the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (OIEED) that are responsible for providing support and overseeing a certain number of tribes' P.L. 102-477 programs.

Each of the AOTRs presented an award to one of their tribes, but they also voted on one program as the "Program of the Year."

This year that award was given to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma P.L. 102-477 Program.

The Pawnee Nation 477 Program AOTR is Jeffery Barwick. He came to Pawnee in March 2011 to complete a program review. He was very impressed with the amount of support we receive from our Council, which included the purchase of the Berry Building and the renovation of the upstairs for our Education Offices, classrooms and computer lab.

Barwick was also pleased with the way our staff was cross-trained and able to work together to provide services for our clients.