

# POWERING *the future*



## EXPLORING A NEW ENERGY & SERVICE CENTER

### Why a new facility?

Crow Wing Power's current facility has served members for decades, but today, it presents growing challenges that impact **SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, and LONG-TERM RELIABILITY.**

#### SAFETY RISKS ARE INCREASING



Highway 371 access is becoming more dangerous.



Large trucks and pole trailers require wide turns and ample timing entering and exiting.



Potential median closure limits safe exits.



### Aging Facility

- Limited indoor storage exposes trucks and equipment to extreme weather.
- Space constraints impact efficiency and workflow.
- Inadequate space for employee training and all-staff meetings.

### Operational Challenges

- Originally built in 1968, purchased by Crow Wing Power in 1978.
- Designed for recreational dealership.
- Multiple remodels overtime, but still limited by original design.

### Desired Outcomes

- Improve safe access on and off Highway 371.
- Protect equipment and improve reliability with indoor storage.
- Support modern equipment and efficient operations.
- Provide space for training, coordination, and team communications.

## PROJECT TIMELINE & WHERE WE ARE TODAY

### PAST

1968-2021

Facility built, expanded, and updated over time

### PRESENT

Today

Operational and Safety Challenges Identified through Facility Study

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Planning & Exploration Phase  
(RFP process underway for architect & contractor)

### FUTURE

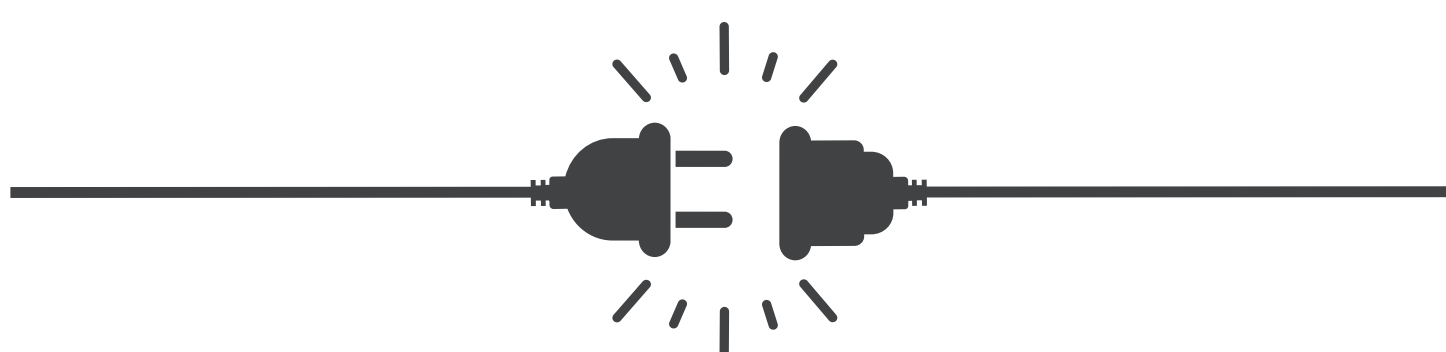
Next Steps

- Design & cost evaluation
- Key Decision Points ("off-ramps") throughout process
- Board evaluation and direction

### Member Benefit

This project is about more than a building— it's about **servicing you better.**

- Faster, more efficient outage response.
- Improved safety for employees and the community.
- Increased reliability of service.
- Better use of resources and long-term cost planning.
- Facilities that support future growth and technology.



### What's Next?

*We are currently in the planning and exploratory phase.*

**As we move forward, we will:**

- Continue evaluating options through each project phase.
- Utilize decisions points to ensure the right path forward.
- Keep members informed:
  - Dedicated project webpage at [cwpower.com](http://cwpower.com).
  - Regular updates and communications.
  - Town hall-style meetings for questions and feedback.



***This project is about building for the future so we can continue delivering safe, reliable power to our members for generations to come.***