U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Introduction to ARPA-E

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History of ARPA-E

2006
Rising Above the Gathering Storm
(National Academies)

2007
America COMPETES Act

2009
American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
($400M)

2011
FY2011 Budget
($180M)

2012
FY2012 Budget
($275M)

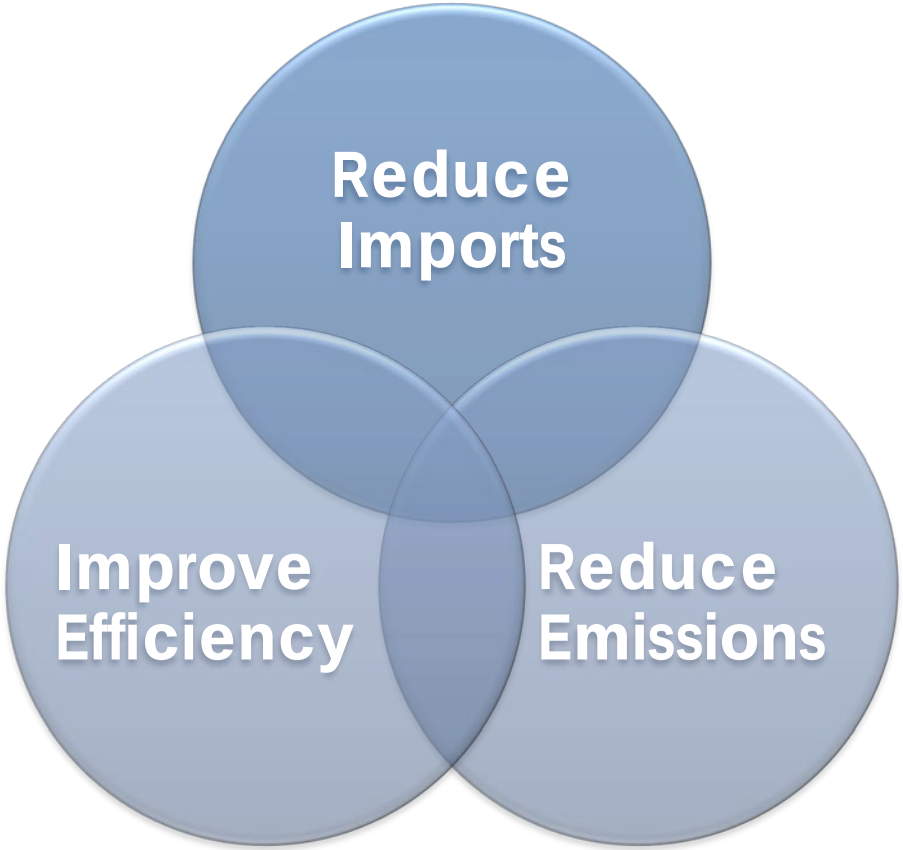
Arun Majumdar
1st Director

The ARPA-E Mission

Overcome high-risk technological barriers to development of energy technologies

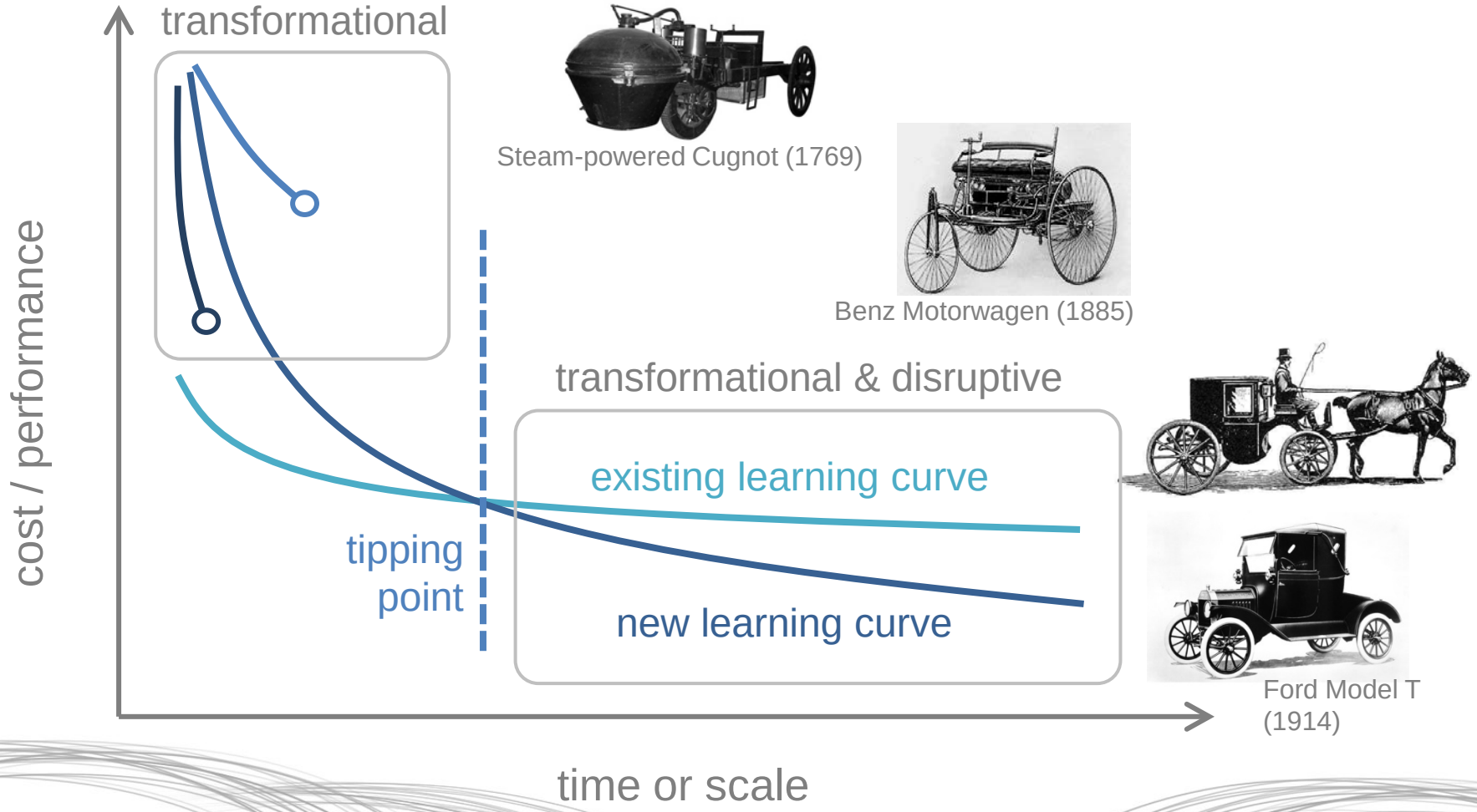
Ensure America's

- National security
- Economic security
- Energy security
- Technological lead



The ARPA-E Approach

Transformational & disruptive technologies that lead to new learning curves



The ARPA-E Approach

- We fund solutions
  - that lead to new learning curves
  - to create new markets
  - to displace old technologies
  - too risky for the private sector

- We do not fund
  - specific technologies
  - science for science-sake
  - incremental advances

The ARPA-E Team

2009

Eric Toone

2009

Dave Danielson

2010

Rajeev Ram

2010

Mark Johnson

2010

Jonathan Burbaum

2010

Ravi Prasher

2011

Dane Boysen

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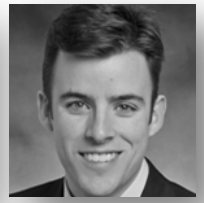
Karma Sawyer

2010

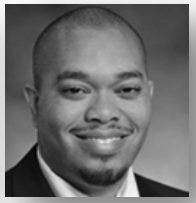
Nick Cizek

2010



Robert Conrado

2011



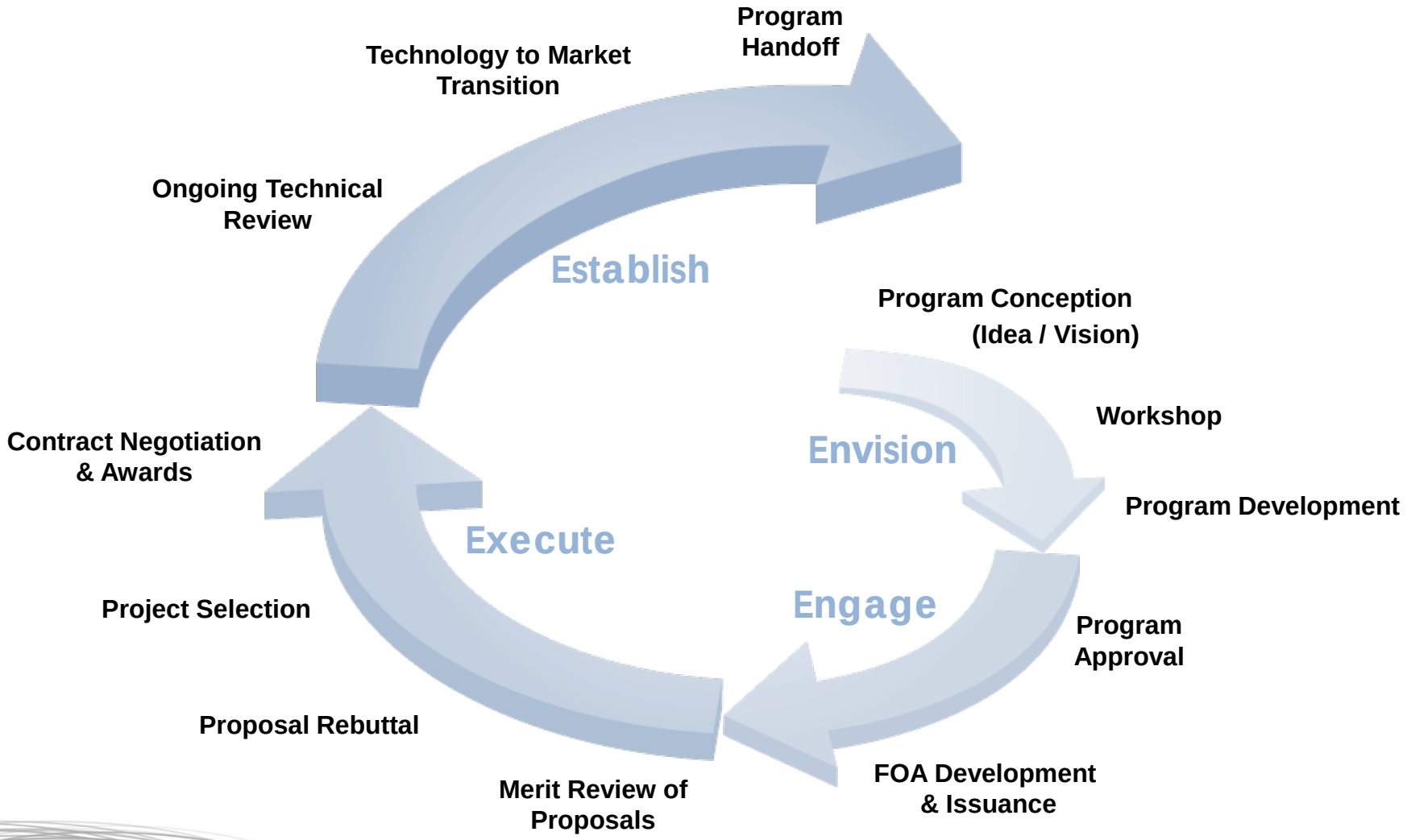
Asegun Henry

2012

Tim Heidel

The ARPA-E Process

Concept-to-Contracts: 6-8 months



What makes an ARPA-E program?

1. Impact

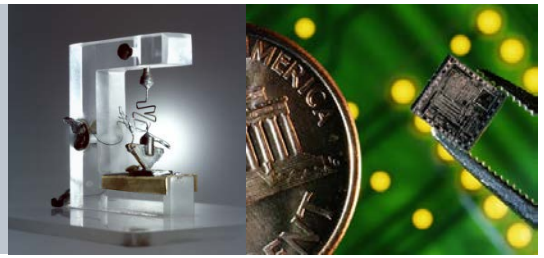
- High impact on ARPA-E mission areas
- Credible path to market
- Large commercial application

2. Transform

- Challenges what is possible
- Disrupts existing learning curves
- Leaps beyond today's technologies

3. Bridge

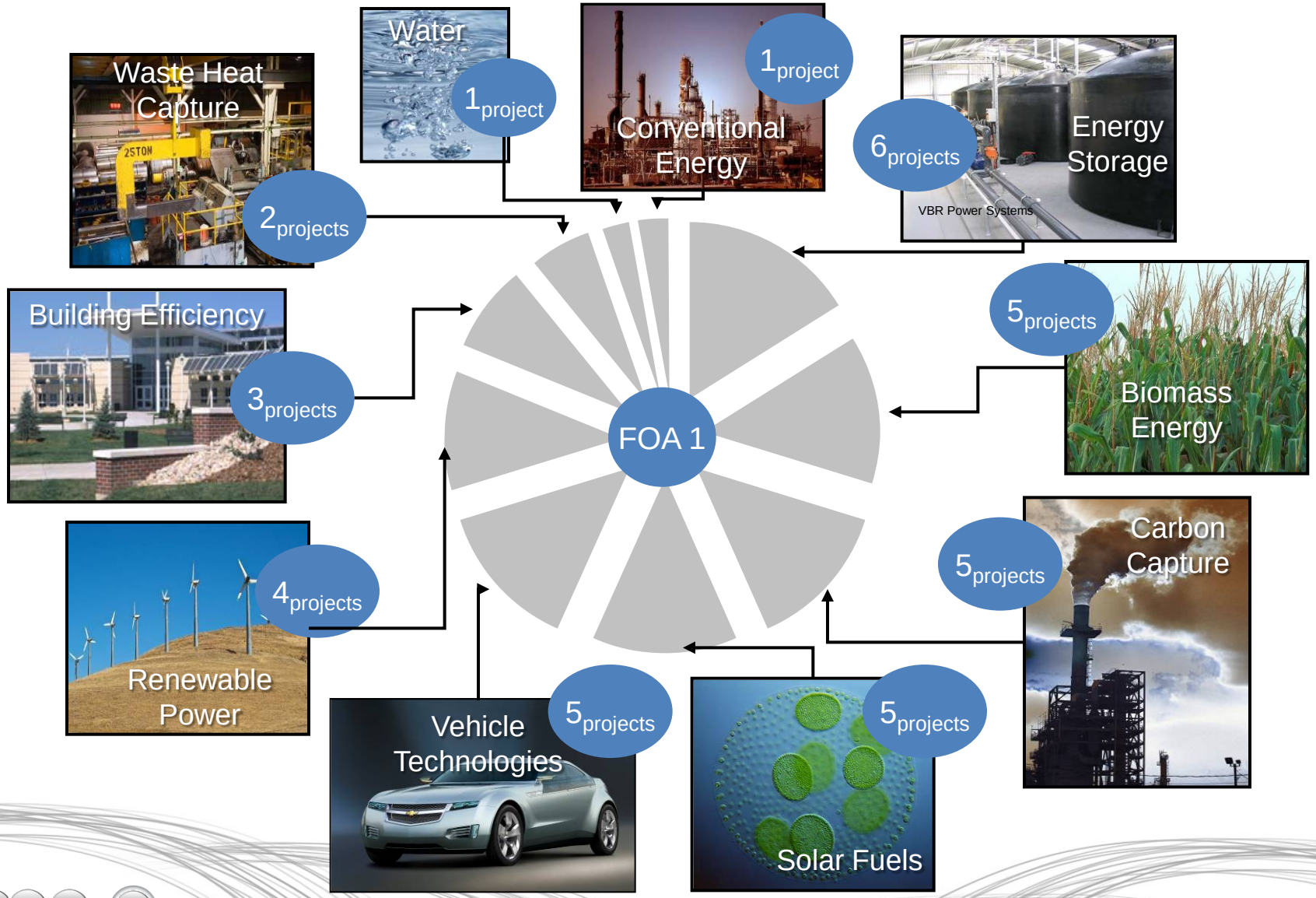
- Translate science into breakthrough technology
- Not researched or funded elsewhere
- Catalyzes new interest and investment



4. Team

- Best-in-class people
- Cross-disciplinary skill sets
- Translation oriented

First Open FOA -10 Technology Areas



Currently 11 Focused Programs

Transportation

Electrofuels

BEEST

PETRO

End-Use Efficiency

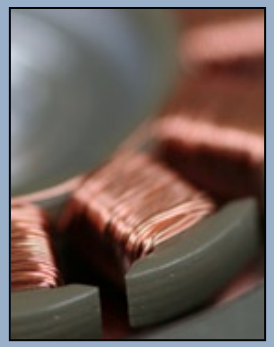
HEATS

BEETIT

Stationary Power

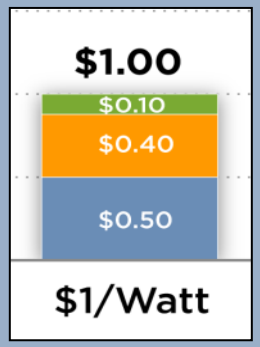
IMPACCT

ADEPT



GRIDS

Solar ADEPT



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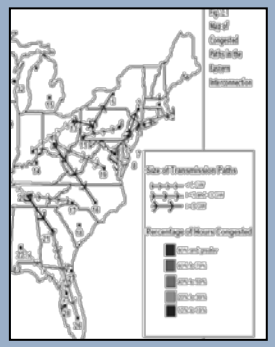

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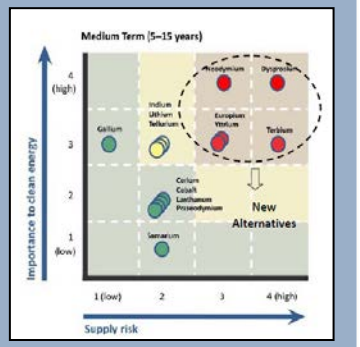
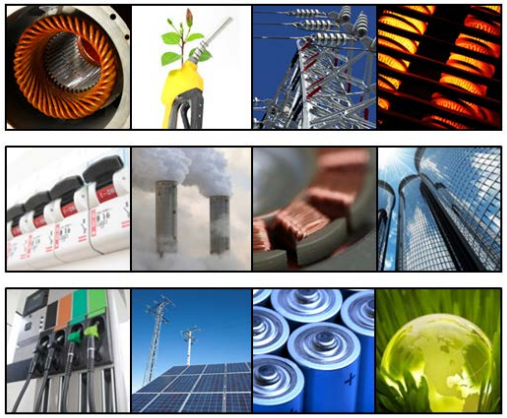


2012 Emerging Ideas Workshops

Day	Emerging Ideas Workshop	Location
Mar 26	**PHOTON** High-efficiency, high-concentration PV	**L'Enfant Plaza**
Mar 27	**TOPHAT** High-temperature topping cycles	**Virginia Square**
Mar 27	**MICROBES** New bioreactors for algae and Electrofuels	**L'Enfant Plaza**
Mar 28	**RACE** Fast charging of EV batteries	**L'Enfant Plaza**
Mar 28	**ICEPOP** No or Low-Water Power Plant Cooling	**L'Enfant Plaza**
Mar 29	**SNIFFER** Remote methane detection	**L'Enfant Plaza**
Mar 30	**PROPHET** Advanced forecasting of wind/solar	**Virginia Square**

Distinction: Emerging Ideas Workshops vs. Typical ARPA-E Workshops/FOAs



Typical Workshop/FOA

- Thematically related topics
- Workshops: 50-100 people
- Each with individual program
- Program funding is $30-40 million
- Consists of 10-20 projects

Emerging Ideas Workshops

- Funding amount/mechanism undetermined
- Workshops: 10-40 people
- Ideas across areas compete with each other
- Best topics may go into a combined solicitation
- Best proposals of any topic are selected
- Topics may lead to a larger future program

2012 Funding Information

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- Methane Opportunities for Vehicular Energy (**MOVE**) – **closed March 26**
- Open FOA Opportunity Announcement (**OPEN FOA**)

Announcement of Teaming Partner List

- Advanced Management and Protection of Energy-storage Devices (**AMPED**)

Request for Information (RFI)

- Electrofuels Phase II