Challenges and Successes in Technology Roadmap Implementation

Lessons Learned from Public and Private Sector Roadmaps

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# Agenda

- Roadmap Experience
- Successful Energy Technology Roadmaps
- Strategies for Implementation
- Results and Impacts
- Lessons Learned



## Energetics Experience with Technology Roadmaps

- Created 100+ technology roadmaps since 1997 in energy, manufacturing, security, health, and basic science
- Led international roadmap efforts on six continents
- Consulted with national governments on roadmapping techniques
- Energetics' techniques and methods cited in two global studies of roadmapping best practices









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### Energetics Energy Technology Roadmaps (Partial Inventory)

#### **Energy Efficiency and Productivity**

- Aluminum (5)
- Chemicals (5)
- Combustion
- Petroleum Refining
- Forest Products
- Forging
- Metal Casting
- Process Heating
- Steel
- Vehicle Lightweighting

### **Energy Technologies**

- Crop-Based Renewable Resources
- Fuel Cells
- Hydrogen Energy (3)
- Natural Gas (4)
- Propane (3)
- Oil Heat
- Nuclear Energy
- Photovoltaics

### **Energy Strategies**

- Combined Heat and Power (CHP)
- Carbon
  Sequestration
- Grid 2030: A Vision for Electricity's Next 100 Years
- Efficient Lighting for Buildings
- Electric Cooperatives



# Types of Technology Roadmaps



Implementing complex roadmaps is very challenging and requires special strategies

**Product** – Single organization, highly focused, detailed steps and timelines, structured implementation

**Technology** – Multiple organizations, options linked through technology pathways, priorities and timeframes defined, implementation varies

**Complex Issue** – Many stakeholders, multifaceted issues, focus on common goals and outcomes, technology portfolios, implementation challenging



### Partnering for Success Aligning Public and Private Goals



#### Sources of Industry R&D Funding in OECD Countries



SOURCE: OECD, Main Science and Technology Indicators (2006).



## Anatomy of an Excellent Roadmap





## Roadmap Challenges and Success Factors

- Include the right people at each stage
- Get senior-level buy-in early
- Define a clear scope
- Balance consensus with technical detail
- Encourage non-linear thinking
- Identify ways to accelerate technology development
- Outline a realistic implementation strategy
- Identify champions, commit to action



## Considerations for Energy Technology Roadmaps

- Energy: complex and multi-dimensional a good roadmap application
- Large stakeholder community

End users, manufacturers, technology developers, government agencies, researchers, interest groups

- Balanced portfolio vs. focus technologies
- Complex, capital-intensive infrastructures
- Mature vs. immature technology platforms
- Long time horizons for results to appear







Source: G. Tassey, The Economics of R&D Policy, Quorum Books, 1997



## **Typical Roadmap Development Process**





## Roadmap Implementation: A Show Stopper?

- Complex, multi-party roadmaps are hardest to implement
- New collaborative ideas often at odds with organizational inertia
- Innovative technologies require long-term commitment
- Roles and responsibilities often poorly defined



# Key Implementation Issues

- Clarify roadmap ownership, find champions
- Clearly communicate the value proposition to investors
- Provide sufficient technical detail for action
- Coordinate with government and business funding cycles
- Engage the right people during implementation
- Determine how the roadmap will be implemented (collaboration, coordination, central)



## Strategies for Success: Three Paths





### Case Study 1: Energy Control System Security



- Identifies energy sector's most critical cyber security challenges and needs
- Industry-driven synthesis of public and private sector input
- Provides strategic framework necessary
  - to align multitude of public and private programs
  - To align investments to address security needs in a timely and efficient manner
- Implementation guided by expert publicprivate steering group



### Case Study 1: Energy Control System Security

#### 1) Key Alliances Formed



- Owners & operators
- Equipment vendors
- Industry organizations
- Government agencies
- Researchers

#### 2) Roadmap Outlined Priorities and Timing



### 3) Existing R&D Identified

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- Web-based ieRoadmap developed
- >80 projects identified
- All projects linked to the roadmap

#### 4) Expert Group Formed

- Identify gaps and opportunities
- Guide public and private investment



### Case Study 2: Hydrogen Energy Roadmap

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- A National Vision for America's Transition to a Hydrogen Economy: To 2030 and Beyond, 2001
- National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap, 2002
  - Contributions from 300+ individuals representing 120+ organizations in public and private sectors
- International Partnership for a Hydrogen Economy (IPHE) formed, 2003
  - 16 member countries plus EC
- Hydrogen Posture Plan provides detailed technology pathways, 2004, 2006 update
- China, India, Brazil conduct H<sub>2</sub> roadmapping



## **Results and Impacts**

### National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap (US)



- Directed investment of \$1.2 billion in US
- Stimulated global H<sub>2</sub> research and coordination through IPHE

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- Inert anode top priority in 1997 Aluminum Roadmap
- Detailed *Inert Anode Roadmap* presented clear development path to address this priority
- Aluminum Roadmap updated in 2003; inert anode removed from priority list due to successful R&D



# **Results and Impact**

### U.S. Propane Education & Research Council (PERC)



- Roadmaps built industry support for increased PERC funding
  - PERC funded through industry-paid assessment ("self-taxed")
- Robust pipeline of new technologies now entering marketplace, including:
  - Propane F-150 pick-up truck
  - Desiccant dehumidifier



## Lessons Learned

- It's all about the end game: getting it "perfect" not as important as getting it "going"
- A compelling value proposition is essential
- Clarify expectations for implementation
- Combine short-term returns (quick hits) with long-term commitment
- Champions and leaders make the difference
- Better to improve the effectiveness of private R&D by 10% rather than design the ideal government R&D program



## **Checklist for Successful Implementation**

- ☑ Have a strategy for the end game who will commit to actions and resources?
- Select an implementation approach that fits your situation and desired outcomes
- Engage partners and develop action plans through the roadmap development process
- Socialize the roadmap through a proactive outreach process
- ☑ Link key public and private initiatives



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