

NREL Overview



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What Makes NREL Unique?

- Only national laboratory dedicated to renewable energy and energy efficiency R&D
- Collaboration with industry and university partners is a hallmark
- Ability to link scientific discovery and product development to accelerate commercialization



National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Innovation for Our Energy Future

Setting the Bar Higher – Gigawatt-Scale Renewables



Solar Vision

10% U.S. electricity by 2025



Wind Vision 20% U.S. electricity by 2030



Energy Independence & Security Act 2007

36 billion gallons of renewable fuels by 2022

Requires investment in new infrastructure:

- Overall in U.S. = \$2 trillion
- Worldwide = \$22 trillion
 - Biofuels -
 - Wind \succ \$2 trillion (est.)
 - Solar

Technology Innovation Challenges Remain The Next Generation

- Wind Turbines
 - Improve energy capture by 30%
 - Decrease costs by 25%
- Biofuels
 - New feedstocks
 - Integrated biorefineries
- Solar Systems
 - Improved performance through, new materials, lower cost manufacturing processes, concentration
 - Nanostructures
- Zero Energy Buildings
 - Building systems integration
 - Computerized building energy optimization tools



Getting to "Speed and Scale" – Key Challenges

Implementing Renewable Gigawatts at Scale

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- Cost of renewable electricity
- Performance and reliability
- Infrastructure robustness and capacity
- Dispatchability of renewables

Displacement of Petroleum-Based Fuels



- Cellulosic ethanol cost
- Life cycle sustainability of biofuels
- Fuels infrastructure, including Codes/Standards
- Demand and utilization, including intermediate blends

Reducing Energy Demand of Buildings, Vehicles, and Industry



- Coordinated implementation of model building codes
- Market does not value efficiency
- Cost of energy efficient technologies
- Performance and reliability of new technologies

Technology Development Programs



Efficient Energy Use

- Vehicle
 Technologies
- Building Technologies
- Industrial Technologies



Renewable Resources

- · Wind and water
- Solar
- Biomass
- Geothermal



Energy Delivery and Storage

- Electricity Transmission and Distribution
- Alternative Fuels
- Hydrogen Delivery and Storage

Foundational Science and Advanced Analytics

NREL FY2008 Program Portfolio Estimated \$304 Million



NREL Funding and Staffing



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South Table Mountain Build Out Plan



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