

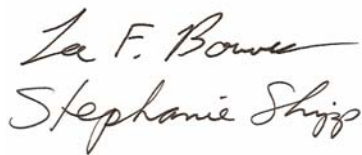
Acknowledgements

We are pleased to announce the completion of the next chapter in ATP's portfolio of status reports for completed projects. This compilation consists of the second batch of 50 "mini case studies" written to investigate the results and impacts of ATP's investment in innovative technologies. The goal of each status report is to provide the reader with a basic understanding of the technology, while also identifying any economic benefits that may have resulted from the ATP-funded project.

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But these efforts aren't without rewards. As the portfolio of ATP status reports grows, we gain insight as to the role ATP plays in bridging the funding gap. We are confident this showcase of the second batch of 50 completed projects will help build on our understanding of ATP-funded innovations across many technology areas. We hope that you learn as much about the process of early-stage technology development, commercialization, and outcomes for the economy as we have in preparing these status reports.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Lee F. Bowes" and the second is "Stephanie Shipp".

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