Science and Technology Perspectives on R&D Partnerships

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National Center for Photovoltaics

The National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV) focuses on innovations in technology that drive PV industry growth. The NCPV is directed to use U.S. national laboratories and universities to accelerate PV as a viable energy option in the United States.
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**Our Focus: Making PV More Sustainable**

**Economical**
- Raw Materials Usage
- Abundant Materials
- Manufacturability
- Efficiency
- Durability

**Environmentally Safe**
- Non-Toxic Alternatives
- Aqueous-Based Materials
- Reuse, Reman, Recycle
- Environmental Impact Assessment

**Societal**
- Market Assessment
- Reliability
- Building Integrated (BIPV)
- Productization

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NCPV Technology Portfolio

CPV
- Ground Mounted
- Rooftop Mounted

Thin Films
- Amorphous Silicon
- CdTe / CIGS
- Organic

Crystalline Silicon
- Multi-Crystalline
- Mono-Crystalline

MARKET

MATERIAL

STRUCTURE

20x–100x
III-V MJs, 500x
CdTe, CIGs, a-Si ~1–2 um
c-Si ~180 um
Working with the NCPV

Incubator
New Pre-Incubator
Technology Pathway Partnerships
PV Supply Chain
Future Generation Program
PV Manufacturing Initiative

TPPs
Ammonix
SunPower
Solland
General Electric
Konarka
Nanosolar
BP Solar
Greenray
Uni-Solar
Dow Chemical

Ind. CRADAs
Plextronics
SiXtron
Corning/Varian

Incubator
Calsolar
Sol Focus
MicroLink Devices
SoloPower
PrimeStar Solar
AVA Solar
Plextronics
Innovalight
Spire Solar
Solexel
1366 Technologies
Solasta
Skyline

Pre-Incubator
Banyan Energy
Crystal Solar
ISET
TiSol
Ascent Solar Technologies
EPIR Technologies
MicroLink Devices
1366 Technologies
Lightwave Power
Vanguard Solar
Semprion
SpectraWatt
Luna Innovations

Universities
Toledo
Delaware
Florida
Arizona State
Cal Tech
Stanford
UC Davis
CSM
Colorado
Colorado State
Illinois
Michigan
South Florida
Washington

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1366 Technologies
3M
AMONIX
ADCO
Advent Solar
Applied Materials
Applied Optical Sciences
BASF
BP Solar
BRP Manufacturing
Dow Chemical
CaliSolar
Dupont
First Solar
GT Solar
Infosicite
Innovalight
Konarka
NanoSolar
PrimeStar Solar
Solar Power Industries
SolFocus
Schott Solar
Skyline Solar
Solexant
Solexant

Next Gen
Wakonda
Voxtel
Solasta
Solexant
Soltaix
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Schott Solar
Skyline Solar
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Process Development and Integration Laboratory (PDIL)
Is the PDIL Right for YOU?

The PDIL is just ONE of many ways to collaborate with the NCPV

* workable = using an ~ 6" substrate (not bigger than 157 mm x 157 mm), putting smaller substrates in a larger platen, or cutting an ~ 6" piece out of a larger substrate

PDIL Proposal Process

All integrated processes require having an NCPV “champion”

NREL Collaboration Methods

Cooperative Research & Development Agreements (CRADAs)

Subcontracted Research (Request for Proposals, RFPs)

Sponsored Research or Work-for-Others (WFO)
  - Interagency Agreement-Government (IAG)
  - Funds-In Agreement (FIA)
  - Technical Services Agreement (TSA, typically > $25K)
  - Analytical Services Agreement (ASA, < $25K)

Foreign National Program

Teacher, Graduate, and Internship Programs

No-Funds Transfer Collaboration on an NCPV Project

Sabbaticals (to NREL or by NREL staff externally)

www.nrel.gov/technologytransfer/