

# Cleantech Innovations Launch to Market

The NREL Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) brings economically viable cleantech innovations to market. We create technology incubation programs and solutions that address gaps preventing innovations from getting to market and preventing market growth.

Through the IEC, startups, investors, corporates, industry partners, and foundations can leverage the capabilities at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). As a partner, you can join forces with one of our successful programs, or work with us to design a technology incubation or entrepreneurial development program of your own. Let's work to solve your most pressing energy and environmental challenges with the world's best technologists and innovators.

Contact us to learn how we can craft a solution to maximize your impact and propel your innovation goals forward at [iec@nrel.gov](mailto:iec@nrel.gov).

## Robust, Connected Networks Provide Jumping Power

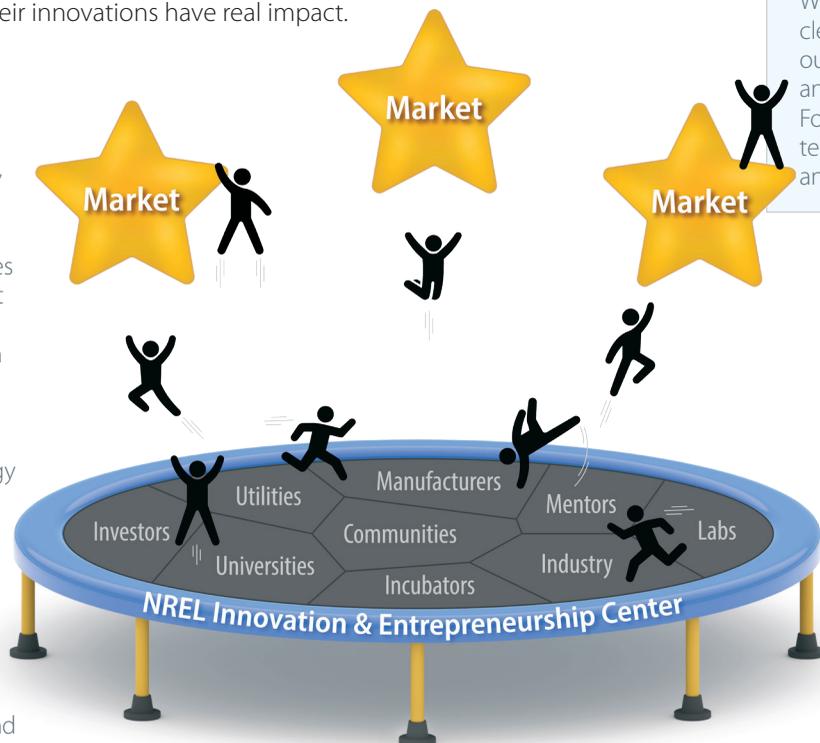
Partnerships are required to bring cleantech innovations to market. The IEC serves as a neutral platform that binds the fabric of the cleantech ecosystem together, providing connections that allow startups to jump between resources and launch them skyward into the market where their innovations have real impact.

### Investors

Our NREL Investor Advisory Board along with our network of more than 150 cleantech investors provides the market knowledge that keeps us on top of trends, and equips innovators with capital to be successful. These experts work with NREL, innovators, and each other to support technology solutions for global impact.

### Incubators, accelerators and universities

The IEC is supported by an ecosystem of more than 60 universities, accelerators, and incubators that refer promising startups to our programs. We foster this pipeline with strategic grants, sharing of resources, and convening conversations throughout the year.



**Startups**  
We work with hundreds of cleantech startups through our tech incubation programs and our Industry Growth Forum, helping them validate technologies in world-class labs and connect with capital.

**Mentors**  
Coaches in our network connect entrepreneurial teams with the tools and experience they need to take the next leap in their entrepreneurial journey.

**Industry**  
Our industry partners work with portfolio companies, serve on advisory boards, and participate in demonstration programs to launch startups.

**Labs**  
From our own experts and facilities at NREL to other national labs, we provide technical assistance to startups and corporate innovation programs.

## Crafting Solutions to Fit Your Needs

Acutely aware of commercialization barriers that hold back promising innovation in the marketplace, we have designed and manage a wide variety of programs in both scale and level of technology readiness.

Our programs tackle persistent roadblocks and allow our funding partners to create customizable solutions that address technical challenges and speed the path to market.

### Some of Our Innovation Programs



## Our Tech Is Your Tech

The IEC is experienced in de-risking cutting-edge technologies across a wide spectrum of application areas from hydrogen to hydropower, microgrids to manufacturing, agriculture to analysis, cybersecurity to mobility. Access our deep bench of experts and partners in transforming energy and energy systems by visiting [nrel.gov/innovate](https://nrel.gov/innovate) or contacting us at [iec@nrel.gov](mailto:iec@nrel.gov) to start exploring areas of expertise.



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