Transforming ENERGY through SMALL BUSINESS
NREL’S COMMITMENT TO SMALL BUSINESS

As a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) national laboratory, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) works closely with industry, academia, government, and diverse outside businesses to foster collaborative ventures.

Our commitment to small business is central to our mission. We partner with small businesses in a number of ways, including:

- **Subcontracting:** We can partner with your small, technology-based business to support the laboratory to conduct research and analysis and to improve the commercialization and deployment of clean energy technologies.

- **Purchasing Equipment and Services:**
  We purchase lab equipment and supplies; office furnishings and supplies; and technical consulting, temporary staffing, and construction services.

- **Mentor Protégé Program:** A DOE initiative to help small businesses enhance their subcontract performance capabilities for government agencies. This award-winning comprehensive and established outreach program combines proven techniques with the latest technology and best business practices.

LEARN MORE
Register to be part of our subcontractor vendor database and find additional information regarding business opportunities with NREL at: small-business.nrel.gov

Cover photo: Deepinder Singh, of 75F, and Rahul Bhalodia, with CPPIB, discuss 75F technology at the NREL Innovation Showcase.

Left: Jeff Croner with Elite Electric connects one of the new (16 L2 chargers and 1 L3 charger) at the NREL Flatirons campus.
BECOME AN NREL VENDOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR

NREL is looking for new vendors and subcontractors who can meet our expanding laboratory requirements. We seek to partner with the following types of businesses:

- Small
- Small disadvantaged
- Woman-owned
- HUBZone
- Veteran-owned
- Service-disabled, veteran-owned.

Average Percentage of Subcontract Dollars Awarded to Small Business: FY2016-FY2020

- Small Business: 59%
- Woman-Owned: 13%
- Small Disadvantaged: 13%
- Veteran-Owned: 7%
- Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned: 6%
- HUBZone: 4%

NREL TYPICALLY AWARDS between $120 MILLION and $150 MILLION on SUBCONTRACTS each year. More than 50% of that goes to SMALL BUSINESS.

NREL engineer, Bethany Sparn attaches a device developed by Whisker Labs, to a circuit breaker service box at the SPL in the ESIF. Whisker Labs was one of the companies selected for a grant from the Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN²) and is working with NREL to test, develop, and research their product.