

# Advanced Buildings PEM FC Project

## DOE Hydrogen, Fuel Cell, and Infrastructure Technologies Program Review Meeting

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# Programmatic Objectives

- To demonstrate **high electrical and overall efficiency**, reduced energy consumption, and reduced emissions for hotel and follow-on applications.
- To **overcome technical and cost barriers** through the engineering, design and construction of an integrated system utilizing advanced fuel cell, fuel processor, and balance of plant subsystems.
- To **validate a 50 kW PEM fuel cell system** design through field testing at three separate properties to be co-selected by Marriott International, Sempra Utilities and Puget Sound Energy.
- To use the information provided from this demonstration to target early **market entry opportunities**.

# Project Budget

Phase Description	\$ Federal	\$ Cost Share (35%)	\$ Total
Feasibility (Phase 1) <b>Complete</b>	484,336	260,812	745,178
Engineering (Phase 2)	2,575,867	1,387,005	3,962,872
Construction (Phase 3)	2,615,334	1,408,257	4,023,591
Field Evaluation (Phase 4)	591,024	318,244	909,268
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,266,591</b>	<b>3,374,318</b>	<b>9,640,908</b>



# DOE Technical Targets

50 – 250 kW Range

Table 3.4.6 Technology Targets: Integrated Stationary PEMFC Power Systems.

Characteristics	Units	2003	2005	2010
Electric Efficiency (Rated Power)	%	30	32 <b>31%</b>	40
CHP Energy Efficiency (Rated Power)	%	70	75 <b>71%</b>	80
Cost (200 units / yr → 5000 units / yr)	\$/kWe	2500	1250 <b>2680</b>	750
Durability (10% Degradation)	Hour	15k	30k <b>12k</b>	40k

Note: Additional Characteristics Are Identified in DOE's Technical Plan



### Dist Generation Barriers

**E. Durability** → MEA Life

**F. Heat Utilization** → Condensing heat exchangers

**G. Power Electronics** → High Efficiency, Low Cost, Water Cooled

### Fuel Flexible Fuel Processor Barriers

**J. Durability** → Sulfur Handling, Catalyst Longevity

**K. Emissions** → Using “top of class” Commercial Combustion Equipment

**L. Hydrogen Purification** → Proven PSA technology

**M. Integration and Efficiency** → Approaching Theoretical Values

**N. Cost** → Industrial Catalysts and Material Optimization

### Component Barriers

**O. Stack Material and Manufacturing Costs** → Molded Plates

**P. Durability** → BOP, Sensor Reduction, System Simplification

**R. Thermal and Water Management** → Non water-based cooling

# Approach (technical)

## System Modularity by Function

Fuel Treatment  
Module

- Reversible Sulfur Adsorbing Cycle
- Low Cost Water Treatment
- High Recovery Pressure Swing Adsorption System

Fuel Processor  
Module

- Scale Up From Existing 5 kW Reactor Geometry
- Industrial Catalyst and HEX Design
- ASME and CE Stamped Pressure Vessels

Fuel Cell Power  
Module

- Scale Up From Existing 10 kW Power Module
- Long Life MEA Optimization (Configuration and Operation)
- Power Electronics

Thermal  
Module

- Fuel Cell Temperature Control
- Condensing Heat Exchangers
- Low Pressure Drop



# Approach (markets)

- **Hotels as the “Beachhead Segment”**

- High utilization capacity of electrical and thermal load.
- Corporate energy managers with the strategic vision and resources to validate and deploy new technologies.
- Resulting product will be applicable to many follow on markets:
  - Government and Military Buildings, Hospitals, Prisons, Multi-Dwelling, Laundry Facilities.



# Project Safety

## • Infrastructure Improvements

- Installed Redundant CO, Combustible Gas and H2 detectors.
- Explosion Proof Development Ventilation System.
- Vacuum Loss Interlocks on all Ventilation Systems.
- Emergency Stop Switches For All Energy Sources.

## • Design Safety Process Procedures

- HAZOP analysis (POC, Alpha, and Beta Stages).
- FMEA (Failure Mode Effect Analysis).
- ECO (Engineering Change Order) at Beta Stage.
- CSA Product Rating



## • Design Documents

- NFPA 853
- CSA FC1





# Project Timeline

What do we want to accomplish?

How are we going to accomplish it?

Have we documented and verified it?

Has the customer validated it?

Feasibility

Design Engineering

Construction / Testing

Field Evaluation

POC  
7/04

Alpha  
04/05

Beta  
12/05

We Are Here

6 mo

18 mo

12 mo

15 mo

40 mo



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# Feasibility Phase Objectives

## Phase 1) Feasibility Study:

To define and communicate the project expectations, targets and functional requirements to all project stakeholders.

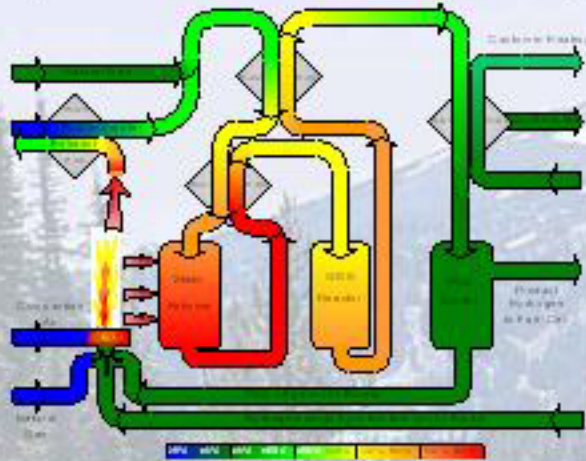
### Task 1: Feasibility Engineering

<b>Actions / Milestones</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Develop Site Selection Criteria	Special and Quarterly Reports
Develop <b>F</b> unctional Requirements <b>S</b> pecification	Publish <b>F</b> unctional Requirements <b>S</b> pecification
Develop System Model	Publish <b>P</b> rocess <b>F</b> low Diagram's
Identify Candidate Sites	Integrated Product Team Meeting



# Technical Progress

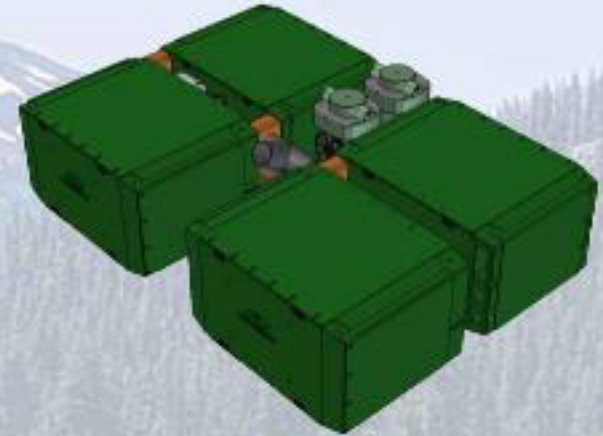
## System Process Modeling



## Dynamic Modeling

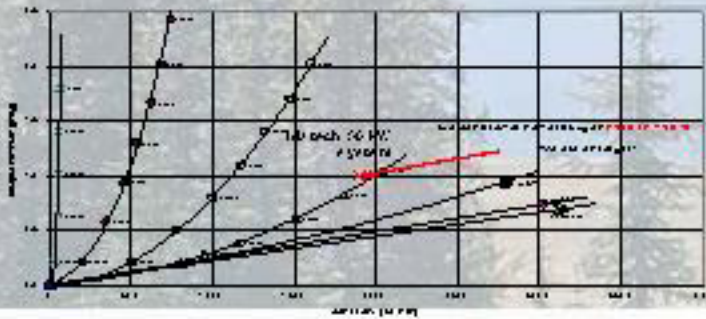


## Physical Modeling



## Balance of Plant Testing

(parasitic power reduction)



## Catalyst / Sulfur Adsorbent Testing



# Interactions and Collaborations



**Technical Subcontractor – Development of FCPM**



**Beta Demonstration Siting Partner**



**Beta Demonstration Siting Partner**



**Northern Utility Siting Partner**



**Southern Utility Siting Partner**



**Safety and Agency Approval Partner**



# Future Work

## Phase 2) Design Engineering:

Design verification of four system sub-modules: (FTM, FPM, FCPM, and TMM) using a proof of concept and Alpha development cycle. Alpha modules are integrated into a complete prototype system (aCM50) to be used for controls development and long term testing.

## Task 2: Design Engineering

<b>Actions / Milestones</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Proof of Concept Design	Special and Quarterly Reports
POC Test Data / Design Review	HAZOP Reports
Alpha Design	Code Compliance Review
Alpha Test Data/ Design Review	Integrated Product Team Meeting