

#### Fuel Cell Technologies ARRA Project:

Hydrogen Fuel Cells: Enabling Market Transformation and Manufacturing

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#### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009

#### Goals:

- Create new jobs as well as save existing ones
- Spur economic activity
- Invest in long-term economic growth



#### Fuel Cell ARRA Project

#### Goal:

Accelerate the commercialization and deployment of fuel cells and fuel cell manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and support services

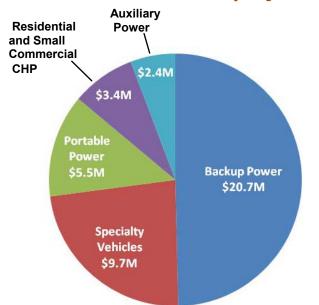
#### Recovery Act Funding for Fuel Cells



# More than \$40 million from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund 12 projects to deploy up to 1,000 fuel cells

## FROM the LABORATORY to DEPLOYMENT:

DOE funding has supported R&D by <u>all</u> of the fuel cell suppliers involved in these projects.

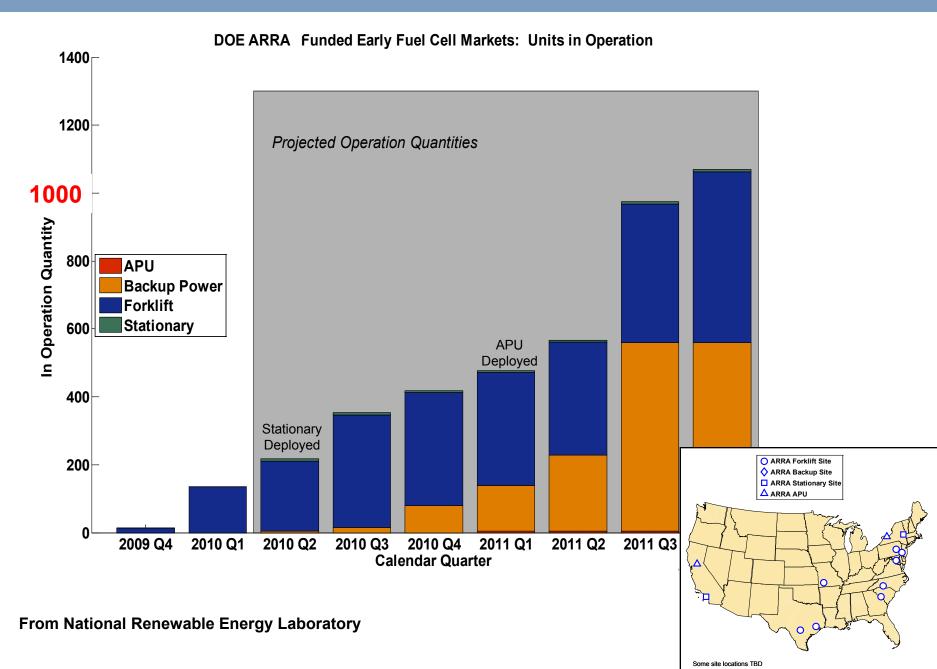


Approximately \$51 million in cost-share funding from industry participants—for a total of about \$93 million.

COMPANY	AWARD	APPLICATION
Delphi Automotive	\$2.4 M	Auxiliary Power
FedEx Freight East	\$1.3 M	Specialty Vehicle
GENCO	\$6.1 M	Specialty Vehicle
Jadoo Power	\$2.2 M	Backup Power
MTI MicroFuel Cells	\$3.0 M	Portable
Nuvera Fuel Cells	\$1.1 M	Specialty Vehicle
Plug Power, Inc. (1)	\$3.4 M	СНР
Plug Power, Inc. (2)	\$2.7 M	Backup Power
Univ. of N. Florida	\$2.5 M	Portable
ReliOn Inc.	\$8.5 M	Backup Power
Sprint Comm.	\$7.3 M	Backup Power
Sysco of Houston	\$1.2 M	Specialty Vehicle

### **ARRA Fuel Cell Units in Operation**







### Managing Risk

#### **Risk Mitigation Strategies**

- Completed initial NEPA review for all projects; site-specific NEPA reviews in progress for several projects.
- Developed and executed contingency plans for unexpected project terminations.
- Identified and are addressing safety concerns which may impact commercial acceptance of fuel cell systems.
- Identified and are tracking metrics needed to evaluate the performance of projects.



**Fuel Cell Powered Lift Trucks (Sysco)** 

### 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



### Fuel Cell Powered Lift Trucks Deployed First

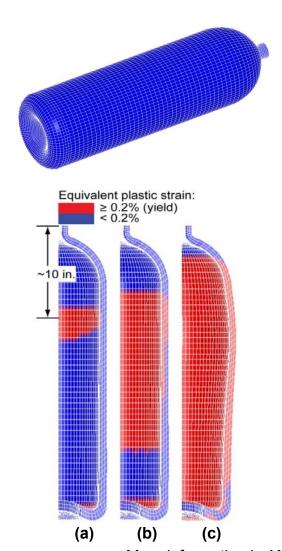
- All 12 project grants in place
- Over 145 fuel cell powered lift trucks deployed\*
- 36 jobs created or retained\*
- Over 31% of funds costed\*

- Siting and permitting activities initiated
- Safety Plans developed for all projects
- Review of Safety Plans and Site Visits by Hydrogen Safety Panel planned for 2010

### 2010 Progress & Accomplishments



### Lifecycle Analysis of Tanks at SNL



Addressing cyclic fatigue of steel tanks to provide technical basis for code language for H<sub>2</sub> powered industrial trucks (CSA HPIT1)

- Quantifiable data being collected for crack initiation, crack growth, leak before-burst, etc.
- Developing unified design methodologies for high cycle-life tanks

Next Steps: Risk analysis of indoor refueling and operation in support of NFPA-2 requirements development

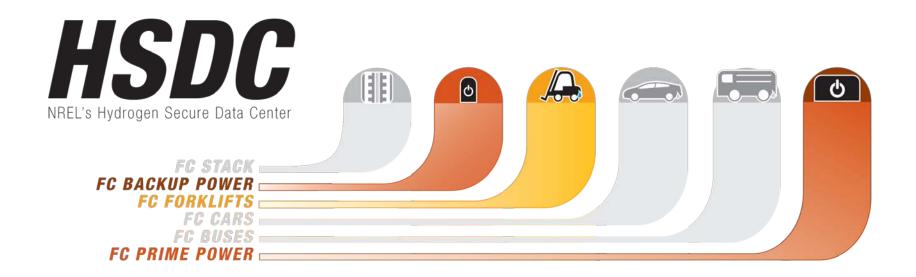
### ARRA Hydrogen Fuel Cell Data



#### **NREL Data Collection**

Fuel Cell & Infrastructure Data to NREL's Hydrogen Secure Data Center

Data includes operation, maintenance, safety, and hydrogen production



### NREL Data Analysis - ARRA Deployments



- Independent technology assessment; focused on fuel cell system and hydrogen infrastructure: performance, operation, and safety
- Leverage data processing and analysis capabilities developed from the fuel cell vehicle Learning Demonstration project and DoD Forklift Demo
- Establish a baseline of real-world fuel cell operation and maintenance data and identify technical/market barriers
- Support market growth through analyses relevant to the value proposition and reporting on technology status to fuel cell and hydrogen communities and stakeholders
  - Individual data analyses for each FC system and site
  - Identify individual contribution to CDPs
  - Only shared with partne who supplied data

Composite
Data
Products
(CDPs)

Data Products

(DDPs)

- Aggregated data across multiple systems, sites, and teams
- Publish analysis results without revealing proprietary data

National Renewable Energy Laboratory: http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/news/2010/807.html



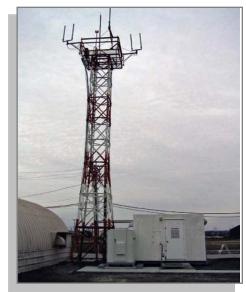
#### Off to a Good Start

- Preliminary feedback suggests deployed fuel cell powered lift trucks already showing increases in productivity over batteries
- Over 500 fuel cells for backup power in communication towers planned
- Portable fuel cells for recharging consumer electronics have been redesigned for low-cost manufacturing and robust operations. Real-life field testing of units by end-users has been initiated
- Potentially more than 1,000 fuel cells deployed in the market by 2012



Left: MTI's portable fuel cell for recharging electronics such as a Blackberry or iPod.

Bottom: Communication tower with backup fuel cell power nearby.



#### **Session Instructions**



- This is a review, not a conference.
- Presentations will begin precisely at the scheduled times.
- Talks will be 20 minutes and Q&A 10 minutes.
- Reviewers have priority for questions over the general audience.
- Reviewers should be seated in front of the room for convenient access by the microphone attendants during the Q&A.
- Please mute all cell phones, BlackBerries, etc.

#### **Reviewer Reminders**



- Deadline for final review form submittal is <u>June</u>
   <u>18th</u>.
- ORISE personnel are available on-site for assistance. A reviewer lab is set-up in room 8216 and will be open Tuesday –Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM and Friday 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
- Reviewer feedback session Thursday, at
   5:45pm (after last ARRA Project), in this room.

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