

# Technology Validation Sub-program - Session Introduction -

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## **Goal & Objectives**



Goal: Validate complete systems of integrated hydrogen and fuel cell technologies for transportation, infrastructure and electricity generation applications under real-world operating conditions

#### Objectives:

- Validate hydrogen and fuel cell technologies
- Identify current status of the technology
  - Assess progress toward technology readiness
  - Provide feedback to H<sub>2</sub> Research and Development

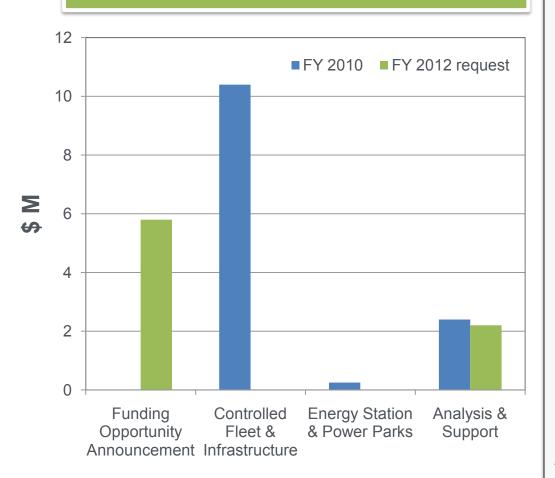
#### **Key Targets**

Performance Measure	2009	Ultimate Target					
Fuel Cell Stack Durability	2000 hours	5000 hours					
Vehicle Range	250⁺ miles	300⁺ miles					
Hydrogen Cost at Station	\$3/gge	\$2-4/gge					

### **Budget**



# FY 2012 Request = \$8.0 M FY 2010 Appropriation = \$13.1 M



<sup>\*</sup> FY 2011 Appropriations to be determined

#### **EMPHASIS**

- Data Collection Activities
  - Collect real-world data from fuel cells operating in forklifts, backup power, vehicles, and buses including projects with DOD (e.g. Hawaii).
  - Collaborate with DOT on the Fuel Cell Bus Program.
  - Support CHHP (combined heat, hydrogen, and power) demonstration.
- Develop Funding Opportunity Announcement\*
  - RFI Issued March 31 closes June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Innovative concepts for stationary and /or CHHP systems
    - Technology Validation projects for other markets
- \* Subject to appropriations

# Challenges



#### Through data collection of vehicles and buses many challenges have been met

- Lack of fuel cell electric vehicle performance and durability data
  - ➤ Learning Demo and FC Bus evaluation have generated significant quantities of fuel cell vehicle data that have been analyzed and published.
- Lack of refueling infrastructure performance and availability data for vehicles, buses, and forklifts
  - ➤ Tech Val projects have analyzed many aspects of H₂ refueling infrastructure, including refueling rates, safety, maintenance, production efficiency, and availability.
- Fuel cell vehicle and infrastructure interface issues need to be addressed
  - Communication fills (vehicle talks to station during fill) have been evaluated, and on average communication fills are 35% faster than non-communication fills



# Learning Demonstration has provided valuable real-world data from fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen infrastructure



- Data has been collected on 155 fuel cell vehicles and 24 hydrogen fueling stations during the Learning Demonstration
- Fuel cell durability
  - 2,500 hours projected (nearly 75K miles)
- Range 196 -254 miles (independently validated 430 mile range)
- Over 3 million miles traveled
- Over 131K total vehicle hours driven
- Fuel cell efficiency 53-59%
- Over 140,000 kg of hydrogen produced or dispensed

### **Progress: Buses**



NREL has collected data for DOE and FTA on 8 FCBs in service at 4 sites:

AC Transit SunLine CTTRANSIT VTA

Traveled:

~ 450,000 miles

Dispensed:

>81,000 kg H<sub>2</sub>

Site/Locations S	State	#	Eval. Funding		20	010			2011			2012				2013			
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Fuel economy results: 42% to 139% better than diesel and CNG buses

www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\_tech\_validation.html

Estimate of data collection/evaluation - schedule subject to change based on progress of each project

# Progress: Combined Heat, Hydrogen and Power (CHHP) Demonstration



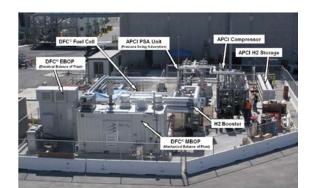
Fountain Valley Station achieved 54% efficiency (hydrogen + power) of unit when operating in hydrogen co-production mode.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Host site: Orange County Sanitation District
- Anaerobic digestion of municipal wastewater
- 100 kg/day hydrogen capacity (350 and 700 bar)
- Funding Partners: CARB, SCAQMD and DOE

Led and coordinated by:





#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- July 2010: Hydrogen Energy Station delivered to OCSD
- September 2010: First low-load power production from fuel cell unit
- September 2010: Fuel cell unit operated at full load on natural gas
- March 2011: Initial fills of fuel cell vehicles at hydrogen fueling station

#### **NEXT STEP**

Hydrogen to be produced from biogas in FY 11

# **RFI: Technology Validation**



Issued March 31, 2011 and closes June 1, 2011

#### **Areas of Interest**

- Innovative concepts for:
  - Stationary fuel cell systems for residential and commercial applications, including combined-heatand-power (CHP)
  - Combined-heat-hydrogen-and-power (CHHP) coproduction fuel cell systems
- Technology Validation projects for other markets

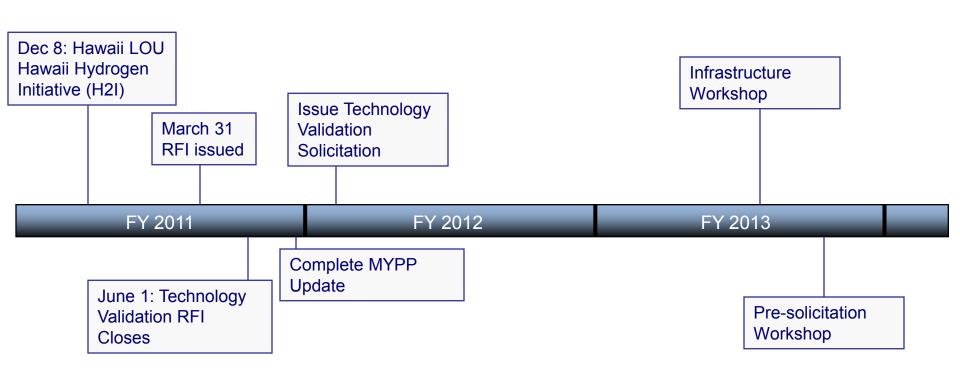
#### For more information:

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/news\_detail.html?news\_id=16873 http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=84333

# Summary



#### Major Milestones & Future Solicitations



#### **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.
- Photography and audio and video recording are not permitted.

#### **Reviewer Reminders**



- Deadline for final review form submittal is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM EDT.i
- ORISE personnel are available on-site for assistance. A reviewer-ready room is set up in The Rosslyn Room (on the lobby level) and will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM and Friday 7:30 Am to 2:00 PM.
- Reviewers are invited to a brief feedback session
   at Noon today, in this room.

#### For More Information



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### **EERE Fellowship Program**



- Fuel Cell Technologies Program Opportunities Available
  - Conduct applied research at universities, national laboratories, and other research facilities
  - Up to five positions are available in the areas of hydrogen production, hydrogen delivery, hydrogen

storage, and fuel cells

- ☐ Applications are due June 30, 2011
- □ Winners will be announced mid-August
- ☐ Fellows will begin in mid-November 2011

eere.energy.gov/education/postdoctoral\_fellowships/



# **Participating Organizations**



#### **Technology Validation**

Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.

CA Fuel Cell Partnership

General Motors Corp.

Mercedes Benz North America

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