AT A GLANCE: NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY



National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is DOE's primary National Laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency R&D. The laboratory delivers impactful scientific discoveries, innovations, and insights that transform clean energy technologies, systems, and markets. Also, the laboratory's research focuses on engineering of energy efficiency, sustainable transportation, and renewable power technologies and provides the knowledge to integrate and optimize energy systems. Finally, NREL's mission space delivers foundational knowledge, technology and systems innovations, and analytic insights to catalyze a transformation to a renewable and sustainable energy future.

FUNDING BY SOURCE FY 2019 Costs (in \$M)

Total Laboratory Operating Costs: \$491.8

DOE/NNSA Costs: \$420.2 TPP (Non-DOE/Non-DHS) Costs: \$71

Costs: \$71 TPP as %

TPP as % of Total Laboratory Operating Costs: 14.5%

DHS Costs: \$0.6



FACTS

Location: Golden, Colorado Type: Single-program Laboratory

Contractor: Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC

Site Office: Golden Field Office

Website: nrel.gov

PHYSICAL ASSETS

630 acres

58 buildings and 4 trailers (owned)

\$503,332,504 replacement plant value

1,082,068 GSF in buildings/trailers (owned)

169,949 GSF in leased facilities (five buildings, whole or partial)

HUMAN CAPITAL

2,265 FTE and part-time employees

27 joint faculty

189 postdoctoral researchers

79 undergraduate students

85 graduate students

39 facility users

2 visiting scientists

CORE CAPABILITIES

Computer Science and Analysis

Advanced Computer Science, Visualization, and Data

Decision Science and Analysis

Innovation and Application

Biological and Bioprocess Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Mechanical Design and Engineering

Power Systems and Electrical Engineering

Foundational Knowledge

Applied Materials Science and Engineering

Biological Systems Science

Chemical and Molecular Science

System Integration

Systems Engineering and Integration

Large-Scale User Facilities

MISSION UNIQUE FACILITIES

Battery Thermal and Life Test Facility

Controllable Grid Interface Test System

Distributed Energy Resources Test Facility

Energy Systems Integration Facility

Field Test Laboratory Building

High-Flux Solar Furnace

Hydrogen Infrastructure Testing and Research Facility

Integrated Biorefinery Research Facility

Outdoor Test Facility

Renewable Fuels and Lubricants Laboratory

S&T Facility

Solar Energy Research Facility

Thermal Test Facility

Thermochemical Process Development Unit

Thermochemical Users Facility

Vehicle Testing and Integration Facility

Wind Dynamometer Test Facilities

Wind Structural Testing Laboratory

Wind Turbine Field Test Sites



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Unique Facilities: Centers for Bioenergy, Energy Systems Integration, Photovoltaics, and Wind - NREL is home to three national research centers—the National Bioenergy Center, the National Center for Photovoltaics, and the National Wind Technology Center, which is located at NREL's Flatirons Campus. The laboratory is developing the latter, which offers specialized facilities and provides technical support critical to the development, primarily, of wind energy, to allow for testing at the 20 megawatt (MW) scale. Other unique facilities at NREL include the 185,000-square-foot Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF), which is the only facility that can conduct integrated MW-scale testing of the components and strategies needed to reliably move significant amounts of clean energy onto the electrical grid.



Tech-to-Market Highlight: Record Year for Technology Partnerships - NREL is the only National Laboratory dedicated to the research, development, commercialization, and deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The laboratory accelerates the commercialization of energy technologies through licensing and partnerships with industry. NREL just closed the books on the best partnership year in its history, inking nearly 300 new, high-impact agreements. The laboratory now has more than 900 active technology partnerships with 500+ unique partners across businesses, governments, nonprofits, and academia. NREL has executed 260+ licenses since 2000 and has approximately 700 patented or patent-pending technologies—plus 250+ software solutions available for licensing. For the U.S. and beyond, our analysis informs policy and investment decisions leading to more resilient, reliable, and efficient energy systems. With objective, technology-neutral analysis, NREL aims to increase understanding of energy policies, technologies, and more to address U.S. economic and other priorities.



Research Highlight: Circular Economy, Electrons to Molecules, and Integrated Energy Pathways - NREL's research vision centers around three critical objectives. A circular economy for energy materials focuses on reducing waste and preserving resources through the design of materials and products with reuse, recycling, and upcycling in mind from the start. Electrons to molecules explores the use of renewable, affordable electricity as the driving force for the conversion of low-energy molecules (e.g., water) to generate other molecules that could be used as chemicals, materials, fuels, or energy storage. Integrated energy pathways focuses on replacing today's outdated grid with a modern, intelligent infrastructure that, for one, looks to expand our options for mobility. One highlight, among many, from NREL's research vision, has involved building on their ground-breaking discovery of perovskites' use in solar cells. A team of NREL researchers has uncovered a change in chemical composition shown to boost the longevity and efficiency of a perovskite solar cell by resisting a stability problem that has so far thwarted the commercialization of perovskites.

