# Energy Efficiency Means Business in Your District

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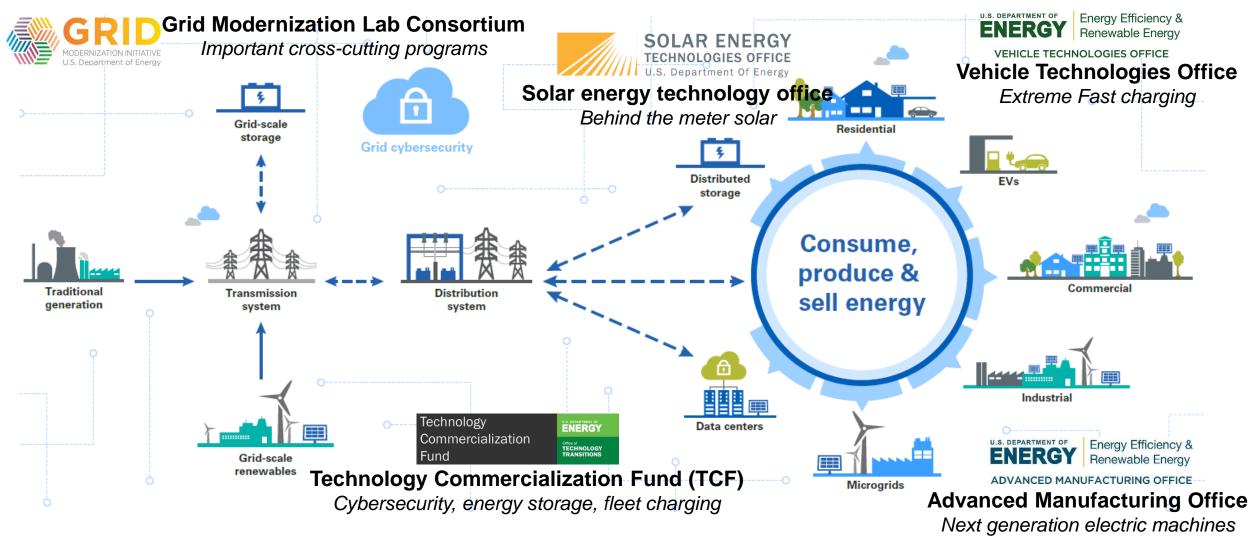
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# Solving industry's toughest power management challenges around the world.





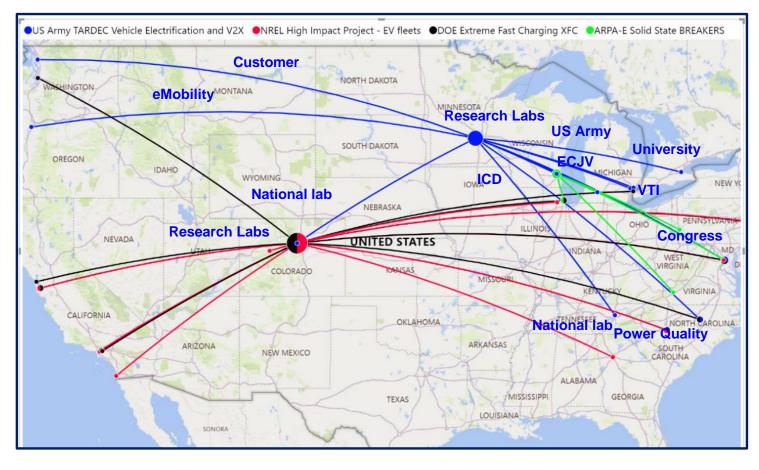
# EERE is making important investments that broadly invest in energy efficiency, resiliency and jobs





## Dept of Energy EERE enables unique partnerships This collaboration only occurs on government programs

Partnership flow map for four different government programs Partnering with Dept of Energy, customers, universities and national labs.



#### Partnering on DOE Solar program

Maximizing use of behind the meter solar energy





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#### Partnering on joint DOD/ DOD program

Solving challenges in vehicle electrification for commercial and military applications



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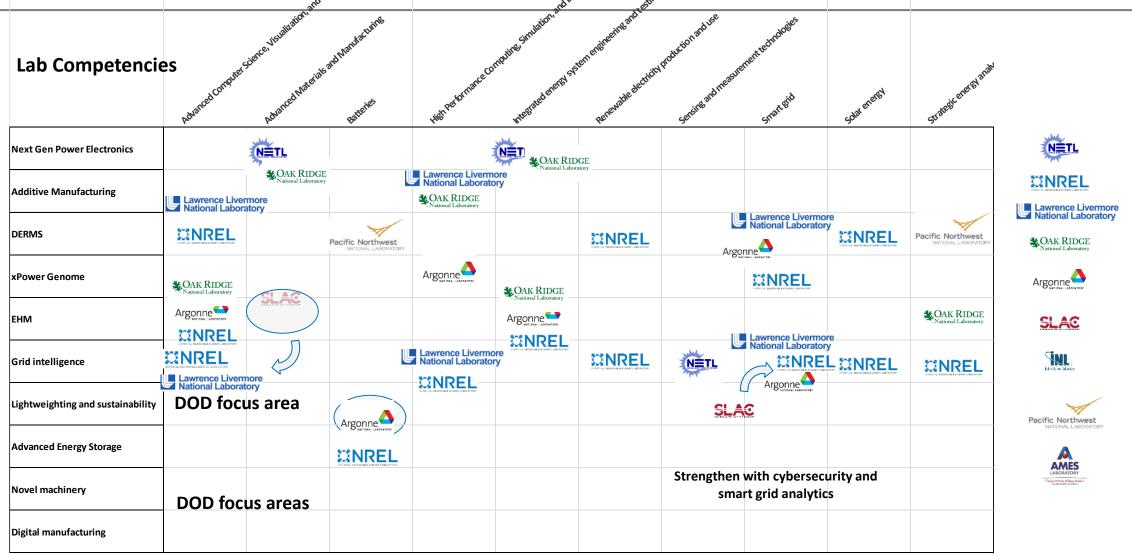






# DOE National Lab Partnering Strategy

Lab network providing access to cross cutting technology





### Eaton and NREL Partnership

Corporate research team first ever to be located at NREL ESIF in April 2018

#### **Unique NREL – Eaton partnership**

- Eaton moved 15 PhD researchers on-site to the Energy Systems Integration Facility at NREL.
- The Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF) is a unique \$140M+ grid integration testing facility.
- Unprecedented partnership between a multi-national company and a DOE national lab.
- Plan to grow to 18 team members at NREL ESIF in 2020 and 45 employees by 2025.
- Locating Eaton researchers at this User Facility provides access to world-class facilities and NREL personnel, faster value prop testing, increased customer co-development and reduced capital investment.







### High Power Fast Charging for EV Fleets DOE program bringing in significant partners for new business models

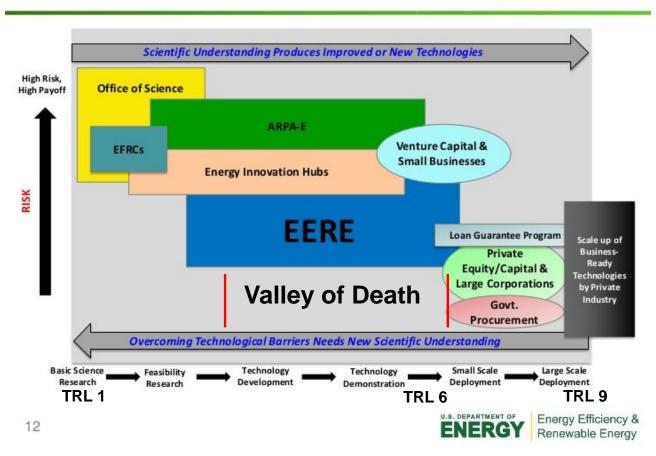
- Cost effective charging for large EV fleets
- New business model for utilities – DC
- Partnership enabled by DOE FOA VTO





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## Commercialization Fill knowledge and funding gaps through TRL6 demonstration



EERE Guiding Principles: Leveraging Technology Investments

- Asset-heavy energy technology companies focus RDT&E investment on commercialization TRL 7-9.
- EERE and OE currently address the "valley of death" in TRL 4-6 and "pull" technology into mature industries.
- Customers in energy technologies (grid, vehicles) require real-world demonstration before making investments & commitments.
- Commercial firms create partnerships through DOE that would otherwise not occur to explore high risk areas and demo new technologies.
- EERE/OE and ARPA-E are fundamental to research and commercialization of technology.

From DOE 2013 EERE Congressional Budget Request, Henry Kelly, Feb 14, 2012



# Thoughts to Accelerate Energy Transition

#### Cross-cutting technologies (major role for national labs):

- Artificial intelligence, modelling and simulation special testing facilities at national labs
- New materials research address foundational technology (power electronics, motors and solar) and critical minerals shortages
- New business models create specific FOAs to address this broad gap based on economic analyses
  - Ex. Value of batteries on fleets of vehicles to the grid
- Consider DOE programs on broader scope subjects
  - 30 partners or more including numerous competitors looking at different work packages but with very specific requirements for communication of results and commercialization

#### Vehicles

- Next generation design philosophies that include artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Large scale fleet electrification programs includes both vehicles and charging infrastructure; batteries and fuel cells
- Off-road vocational, construction and agriculture vehicles: hybrids and highly electrified

#### Aerospace

Electrification – ARPA-E has first program here, near term potential but need to work with DOD

#### **Electrical: Grid intelligence**

- Charging infrastructure
- Grid business models: non wires alternative (Behind The Meter assets DE. Solar, controls)
- Microgrids for grid stability with utilities / fire mitigation / resilience / Regional/Communities demo
- Intelligent buildings

