

EESI Briefing: Investments in Clean Energy and Transportation Innovations in the Federal and Private Sectors

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National Laboratory System Coast to Coast The **17** national laboratories have served as the leading institutions for scientific innovation in the United States for more than 90 years.

# NREL Science Drives Innovation



Renewable Power

- Solar
- Wind
- Water
- Geothermal

### Sustainable Transportation

- Bioenergy
- Hydrogen and Fuel Cells
- Transportation and Mobility

- Energy Efficiency
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Buildings
- State, Local, and Tribal Governments

## Energy Systems Integration

- Energy Security and Resilience
- Grid Modernization
- Integrated Energy Solutions

# **Floating Offshore Wind Systems**

- Building wind plants in water depths greater than 60 meters offers tremendous opportunity for expanded wind deployment
- Floating solutions stretch the capabilities for system design and optimization
- NREL's offshore wind turbine research capabilities focus on the long-term needs of the industry, including developing innovative controls at the turbine and plant levels, advancing modeling and simulation capabilities to assess and optimize novel designs, and supporting standards development.

## Shell Collaboration:

- Exploring use of active wake steering for US offshore wind projects
- Yield assessment and loads analysis with active wake steering
- New operating regime with large scale (~1GW) bottom-fixed offshore wind plants that use 15-MW class turbines.



## **A Holistic Approach to Aviation Decarbonization**

- Low- and Net-Zero-Carbon Aviation Fuels and Energy Carriers
- Integrated, Decarbonized Ground Aviation Infrastructure
- Sustainable Aircraft of the Future





The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study



## The Challenge:

• How can Los Angeles ensure its transition to 100% clean energy with high levels of electrification improves energy justice?

## **Our Solution:**

- Prioritize energy justice outcomes based on community input
- Analyze clean-energy transition pathways that maximize energy justice outcomes for all communities in LA

## **Potential Impact:**

- Improved understanding of factors contributing to energy inequities
- Implementation-ready strategies to address energy justice in LA
- Replicable approaches for incorporating energy justice in future research

# LA100 Equity Strategies

## Full findings at LA100.org

# **C2C: Clean Energy to Communities**



#### **Technical Advisement**

Community Feedback In-depth, customized analysis of potential solutions; validation to de-risk large-scale investment & deployment

Climate

Resilience

# Community Feedback Implementation

Develop actionable plans; create network of cities to share replicable strategies & lessons for long-term impact

> Local and Regional Decarbonization

Workforce and **Economic Development** 

**Community-Led Goal Setting** 

Active community engagement to understand needs, collect diverse perspectives, find common ground

**Energy Justice** 

## Partnering for Impact

In **2022**, NREL had more than 1,000 active partnerships with industry, academia, and government. 

In 2022, NREL signed a partnership with **Fortescue Future Industries**, a subsidiary of the Australian mining powerhouse, to advance green hydrogen production and technologies.



#### WELLS FARGO

Cofounded by NREL in 2014 and now in its 12<sup>th</sup> cohort, the **Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN<sup>2</sup>)** provides cleantech startups with \$250K in technical assistance via multimillion-dollar state-of-the-art facilities.



NREL and power management company **Eaton** expanded on their decade-long partnership in 2018 by co-locating at the lab's Energy Systems Integration Facility to work on grid integration.



In 2022, NREL and the **Lithuanian Energy Agency** agreed to conduct a multiyear study to develop pathways for how Lithuania can achieve a secure, reliable, and 100% carbon-free electricity system.

# Thank you

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