

Small  
Business  
Vouchers Pilot

**ENERGIZING THE CLEAN ECONOMY**

# Pilot Overview

September 10, 2015



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

National Laboratory  
Impact Initiative



# Pilot Impact

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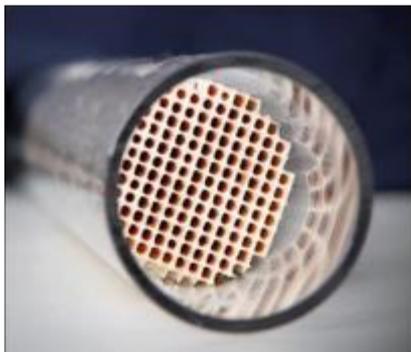
## Mission

- To significantly increase the industrial impact of DOE national labs on the U.S. clean energy sector



## Goals

- Increase small business accessibility to lab capabilities
- Broaden lab awareness of small business needs and technologies
- Encourage labs to develop new outreach strategies to showcase capabilities
- Align lab business practices with private sector timelines





# Vouchers

- Available Funding
  - \$20 million, provided as technical aid from the national labs
  - Funds go to labs, not businesses
- Amounts
  - Ranges from \$50K to \$300K per business to fund either collaborative projects or technical assistance from the national lab
  - Small businesses must each provide 20% matching funds or in-kind services





# Eligibility

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- Must be a for-profit business with no more than 500 full-time equivalent employees worldwide
- Must be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned





# Technical Areas

- Vouchers are limited to specific EERE R&D areas:
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - Bio-energy
  - Buildings
  - Fuel Cells
  - Geothermal
  - Solar
  - Water
  - Wind
  - Vehicles





	Advanced Mfg	Buildings	Solar	Wind	Water	Geo-thermal	Vehicles	Fuel cells	Bioenergy
Pilot Lab Leads									
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# Award Cycles

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## SBV Schedule/Award Cycles

**Round 1: Sept 2015 – Jan 2016**

Round 2: Feb 2016 – May 2016

Round 3: June 2016 – Sept 2016





# Timeline - Round 1

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## **15 weeks (excluding holidays in Round 1) cycle time from closing to signed agreement**

- Sept 23, 2015:** EERE announcement, Round 1 opens
- Oct 23, 2015:** Round 1 closes
- Oct 28, 2015:** Central Assistance Portal (NREL) matches requests to lead labs
- Nov 19, 2015:** Lead labs complete merit reviews
- Dec 1, 2015:** Labs brief EERE on preliminary recommendations/EERE approves
- Jan 7, 2016:** Small businesses and Labs finalize SOWs, agreements
- Jan 22, 2016:** EERE and DOE Site Office approve budget, scope

**Individual vouchers have up to a 12-month period of performance**

**Evaluation metrics will be tracked for 5 years!**



# Merit Review Criteria

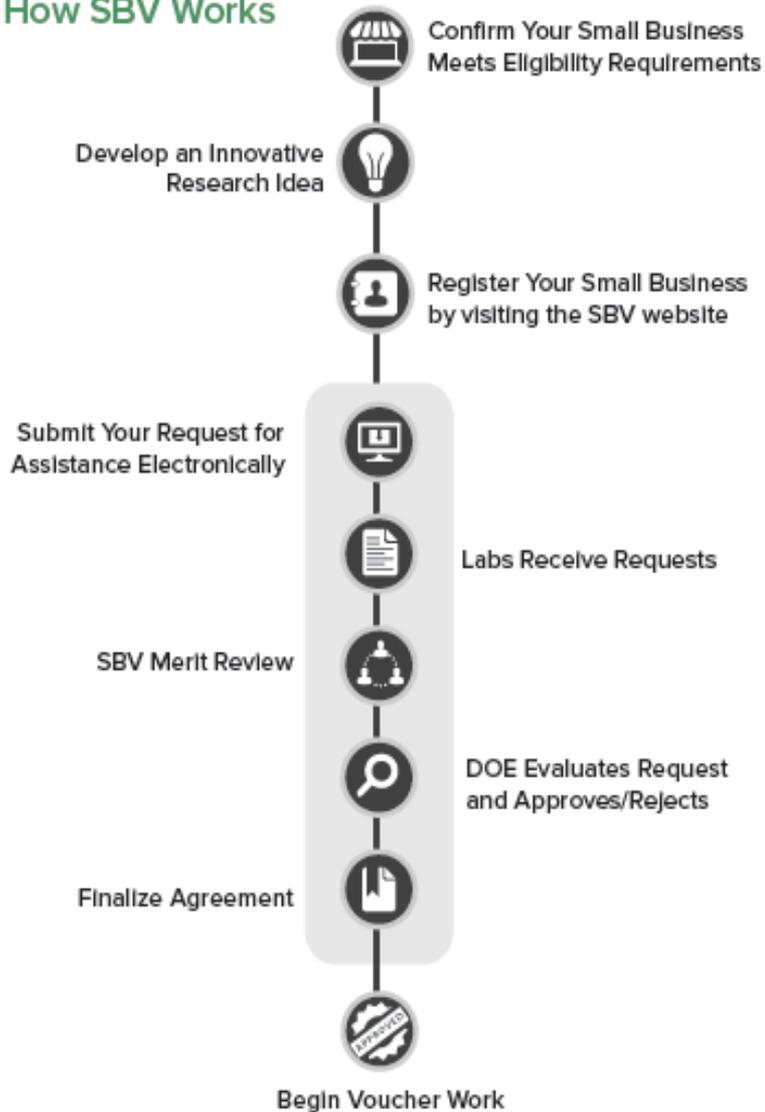
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- Technical Merit (40%)
- Business & Market Impact (30%)
- Implementation & Deployment Approach (20%)
- Qualifications & Experience (10%)





## How SBV Works



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**Open for Business on  
September 23, 2015!**



# Questions?

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