

# Item 12: BRIDGE 2024: Bringing Rapid Innovation Development to Green Energy – GFO-23-318

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#### **Overview**

## Benefits California by accelerating development and deployment of clean energy technologies

- Applied Research & Development or Technology Demonstration and Deployment
- Funds promising clean energy technology development with previous public & private funding
- Cross-sector/multi-tech solicitation
- Match funding waiver for demonstration in DACs

- Two previous rounds of BRIDGE
  - 21 companies
  - \$750M in private follow-on funding
  - >1500 employees



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### Tandem PV, Inc.



# Perovskite/silicon tandem panels for utility-scale solar

- 30% more efficient than standard silicon panels
- Up to 40% lower cost of electricity due to decreased land area, permitting, labor, etc.
- Workforce development and manufacturing jobs in CA



Source: Tandem PV, Inc.



## **Community Energy Labs, Inc.**



#### **Energy Management System for small-medium commercial buildings**

- Quick (< 1 day vs. 1 month+) and low-cost (< \$20k vs. \$250k+) installation
- Easy operation: uses thermal models and responds to building and grid signals
- Improves comfort while reducing overall and peak demand, utility bills, and GHG emissions



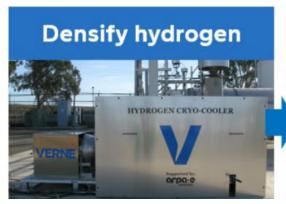
**Source: Community Energy Labs** 



#### Verne Inc.



# Cryo-compressed hydrogen distribution platform for EV charging and backup power









Source: Verne Inc.

- Lower cost of delivered hydrogen
- Provide hydrogen for use cases where grid power is not currently available
- Avoid GHG and criteria air pollutant emissions from diesel-powered equipment



### **Tyfast Energy Corp.**



# High-performance battery pack for off-highway electric vehicles

- Fast charging, high power, long cycle life, wide operating temperature range
- Domestically sourced materials
- Low total cost of ownership





Source: Tyfast Energy Corp.



### **Indian Energy LLC**



# Integrated microgrid and building orchestration and optimization system

- Extend critical services operation by 2-4 hours
- Reduce fossil fuel generator use by 30%
- Improve energy access, affordability, and reliability for rural and tribal communities



**Source: Indian Energy LLC** 

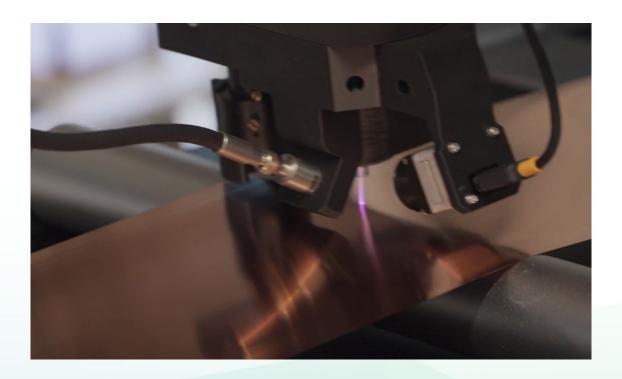


### SirenOpt Inc.



#### Plasma-based inline electrode inspection tool

- Improve battery safety
- Reduce battery costs
- Facilitate next-generation battery development and manufacturing in CA



Source: SirenOpt, Inc.

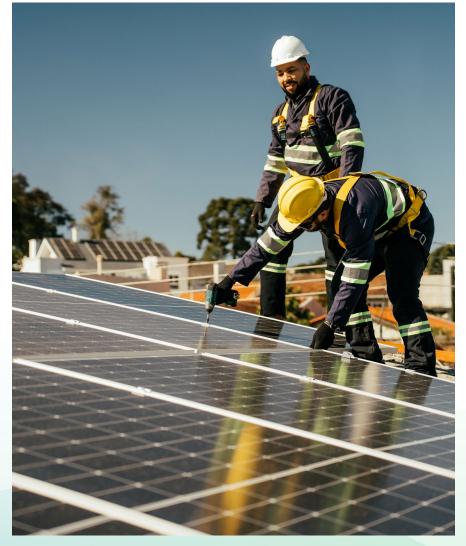


### **SolarAPP Foundation**



# Automated permitting and plan review for residential EV charging & virtual inspections for solar installations

- Improve permitting efficiency
- Consistent code compliance
- Accelerate residential solar and EV charging installation, with emphasis on affordability and deployment in DACs





# **Coreshell Technologies Incorporated**



#### Advanced batteries for EVs and small-electric mobility

- Cheaper (33%), safer (thermal improvements), longer-range (300+ miles) batteries
- Domestically sourced materials
- Workforce development in disadvantaged community



**Source: Coreshell Technologies** 



#### **Benefit to Californians**

- Provides ratepayer benefits
  - Affordability
  - Safety
  - Reliability
- Advances clean energy economy
  - Supports entrepreneurs
  - Increases skilled labor opportunities
- Accelerates California's clean energy goals



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### **Staff Recommendation**

- Approve eight (8) new BRIDGE grant agreements.
- Adopt staff's recommendation that projects are exempt from CEQA.