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Small businesses invited to participate in DOE national lab vouchers pilot

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Sept. 23, 2015—Small businesses in the clean energy sector are invited to apply for assistance from the Department of Energy's national laboratories through the department's new Small Business Vouchers Pilot.

David Danielson, DOE Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), announced the launch of the [pilot website](#) during EERE's Industry Day event at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

As part of EERE's [National Laboratory Impact Initiative](#), the pilot aims to help small businesses bring next-generation clean energy technologies to the market faster by enabling them to access expertise and specialized equipment at DOE's national labs.

The \$20 million pilot will match clean energy small businesses with experts from DOE's [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#), [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#), [Oak Ridge National Laboratory](#), [Pacific Northwest National Laboratory](#) and [Sandia National Laboratories](#), as well as other participating DOE labs.

More than 100 small businesses selected through the pilot's merit review process will receive \$50,000 to \$300,000 vouchers to exchange for national lab technical assistance or initiate collaborative research projects. The assistance will focus on a specific technical challenge identified by the small business.

The pilot focuses on assisting small businesses developing technologies in the following areas: advanced manufacturing, buildings, vehicles, wind, water power, bioenergy, fuel cells, geothermal and solar. To be eligible to apply, businesses must be U.S.-based and -owned with no more than 500 full-time employees worldwide. A total of three cycles of competitions will be offered to interested small businesses in 2015 and 2016.

Businesses are invited to apply at <http://www.SBV.org>.

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