The Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance: A Paradigm Shift in Technology Development

Core Technology Program Workshop

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The Vision: Fuel Cells in 2010

Low Cost/High Volume
< $400/kW/ > 50,000 units/yr
Reduced CO$_2$ Emissions and negligible pollutants using fossil fuels.

Multiple Fuels

Double the efficiency of producing power from fossil fuels.
MASS CUSTOMIZATION
A Core Module for Multiple Applications

Stationary

Transportation

Military
SECA Development: Progressive Applications

2005
- $800/kW
- Prototype (β Unit)

2010
- $400/kW
- Commercial

2015
- Vision 21 Power Plants
- 70-80% efficient plants
- <$200?/kW propulsion
Industry Integration Teams

The Manufacturing Base

Multiple Integration Teams

Mass Customization of Common Modules
Industry Integration Teams

• Three to six DOE/DOD Teams

• Prototype within four years of Award.

• 20% Cost Share in Phase I; 50% in Phase II and III.
# Minimum Requirements

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<td><strong>Power Rating (Net)</strong></td>
<td>3kW – 10kW</td>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>$800/kW</td>
<td>$600/kW</td>
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<td><strong>Efficiency</strong> (AC or DC/LHV)</td>
<td>Mobile 25 -45%</td>
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<td>Stationary 35 -55%</td>
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<td><strong>Steady State Test @ Normal Operating Conditions</strong></td>
<td>1500 hours</td>
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<td><strong>80% availability</strong></td>
<td>85% availability</td>
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<td><strong>Δ Power ≤2% degradation/500 hours at a constant stack voltage with R≥0.95.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Δ Power ≤0.1% degradation/500 hours at a constant stack voltage with R≥0.95.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>R-Linear Correlation Coefficient</strong></td>
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<td>Transient Test</td>
<td>10 cycles</td>
<td>50 cycles</td>
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<td>Power &lt; 1% degradation after 10 cycles at a constant stack voltage.</td>
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<td>Maintenance Intervals</td>
<td>Design aspects should not require maintenance at intervals more frequent than 1000 operating hours.</td>
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<th>Steady State and Transient Tests Fuel Type(s)</th>
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<td>Natural gas, gasoline, or diesel fuel(s) or a representative fuel base on respectively methane, iso-octane, or hexadecane. If multiple applications using different fuels are proposed split the total test time equally among the different fuel types.</td>
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SOLICITATION COMPONENTS

1. Technical Approach
2. Cost Estimate
3. Statement of Work, Milestones, and Test Plan
4. Market Evaluation and Applicants Existing Experience
5. Capabilities, Facilities, Team Structure and Personnel
Core Technology Program
The Technology Base

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<th>University</th>
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<th>Industry</th>
<th>Small Business</th>
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Fuel Cell Core Technology
Core Technology Program

- The objective: Raise The Baseline of the Technology.

- Projects selected will focused on specific problems encompassing any area of the fuel cell system. Little or no proprietary information from the Industrial Teams.
Core Technology Program (Cont.)

- A mix between short (1-2 year) projects that address the needs of preferably multiple Industrial Teams and a few longer term projects that would add significant value to all projects.

- The Industrial Teams, Core Technology Program participants, and the Project Management Team will meet at least twice a year to make SECA participants aware of results from the Core Technology Program work and promote discussion of needs and approaches.
Intellectual Property - Cornerstone of the Alliance
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- “Exceptional Circumstance”
- Promotes Collaboration - Limits Redundancy
- Benefits U.S. National Interests
- Non-Exclusive License Core → Industry Teams
  - Ready market of potential licensees
  - Best designs vs. highest bidder
Exceptional Circumstance Provisions

- Each Industrial Team will be offered a non-exclusive license for Intellectual Property generated by the Core Technology Program in the solid-oxide field of use.

- Offers must be open for 1 year after issue of a U.S. patent.
SECA/DOD Support Activities

- Core Tech
  - Accelerate Development
  - Logistic Fuels
- Militarization
  - Survivability, Shock & Vibration, etc.
- Integration
  - Balance of Plant Packaging
- Testing
  - Laboratory to Field Environment
SECA:
- An alliance of industry teams, R&D performers, and government funding organizations
- Develops an integrated strategy
- Focuses research
Current SECA Players/Efforts

- Industry
  - McDermott
  - NexTech Materials
  - Hougwelli
  - TMI Systems
  - Delphi
  - Automotive Systems

- National Labs
  - Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
  - Argonne National Laboratory

- Advanced Research
  - Siemens Westinghouse
  - The University of Utah
  - University of Florida
  - Northwestern University
  - University of Missouri @ Rolla

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SECA Timeline

- 1st Annual SECA Workshop          June 1-2, 2000
- Industry Team Solicitation Issued November 3, 2000
- Proposals Due                   January 24, 2001
- SECA Core Technology Program Workshop  February 14 & 15, 2000
- 2nd Annual SECA Workshop        March 29-30, 2001
- 2001 Industrial Teams Selected   April 2001
- Core Technology Program Solicitation Issued  April 2001
Public Benefits

**High Efficiency**

- **Efficiency**
  - Year

**Cost Reduction**

- **$/kW**
  - Year
  - <$400/kW

**Grid Stability**

- Greener
- Sooner

**Efficiency**

- Year

**Cost Reduction**

- Year

- <$400/kW
Responding to the Needs of the Nation

President-elect Bush and I are deeply committed to developing an energy policy that includes . . . developing new technologies that conserve fossil fuels and reduce energy-related pollution.

Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy