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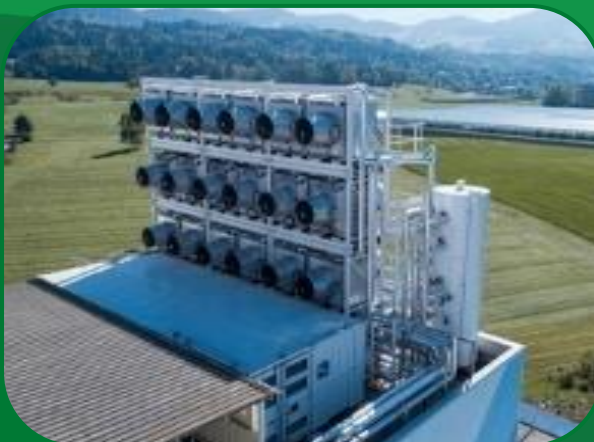
Fossil Energy and  
Carbon Management

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# Carbon Conversion R&D Program

## Updates on Infrastructure Bill Impacts and International Collaborations

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Legend:

- Light Rare Earth Elements
- Heavy Rare Earth Elements
- Critical Rare Earth Elements
- Critical Minerals

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\* Cat A/RMC Light REE, USDO House REE, \*\* Included with rare earth elements.





## Carbon Dioxide Removal

Removal of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and durable store



## Carbon Conversion/Utilization

Conversion of CO<sub>2</sub> to value-added products



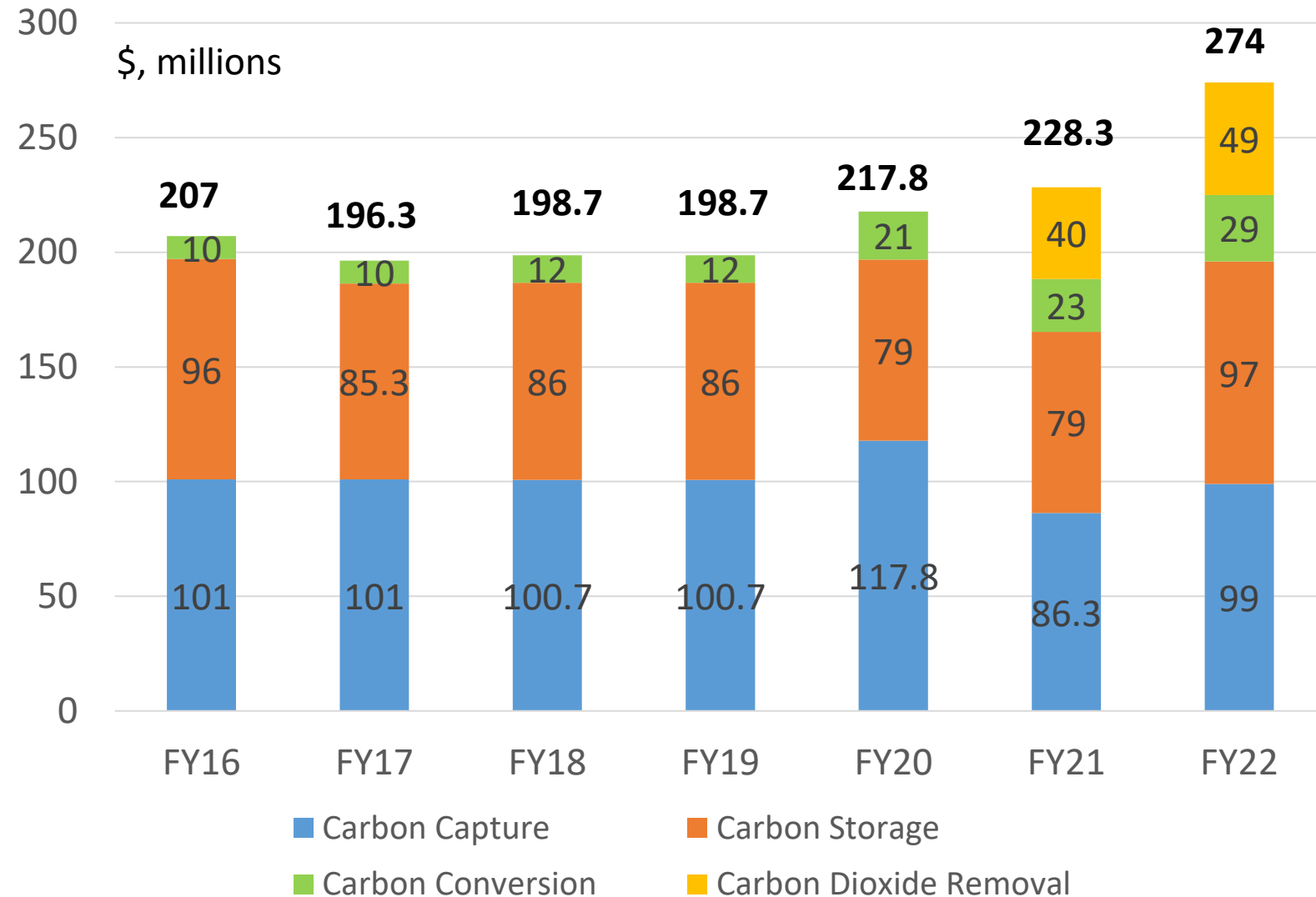
## Carbon Storage

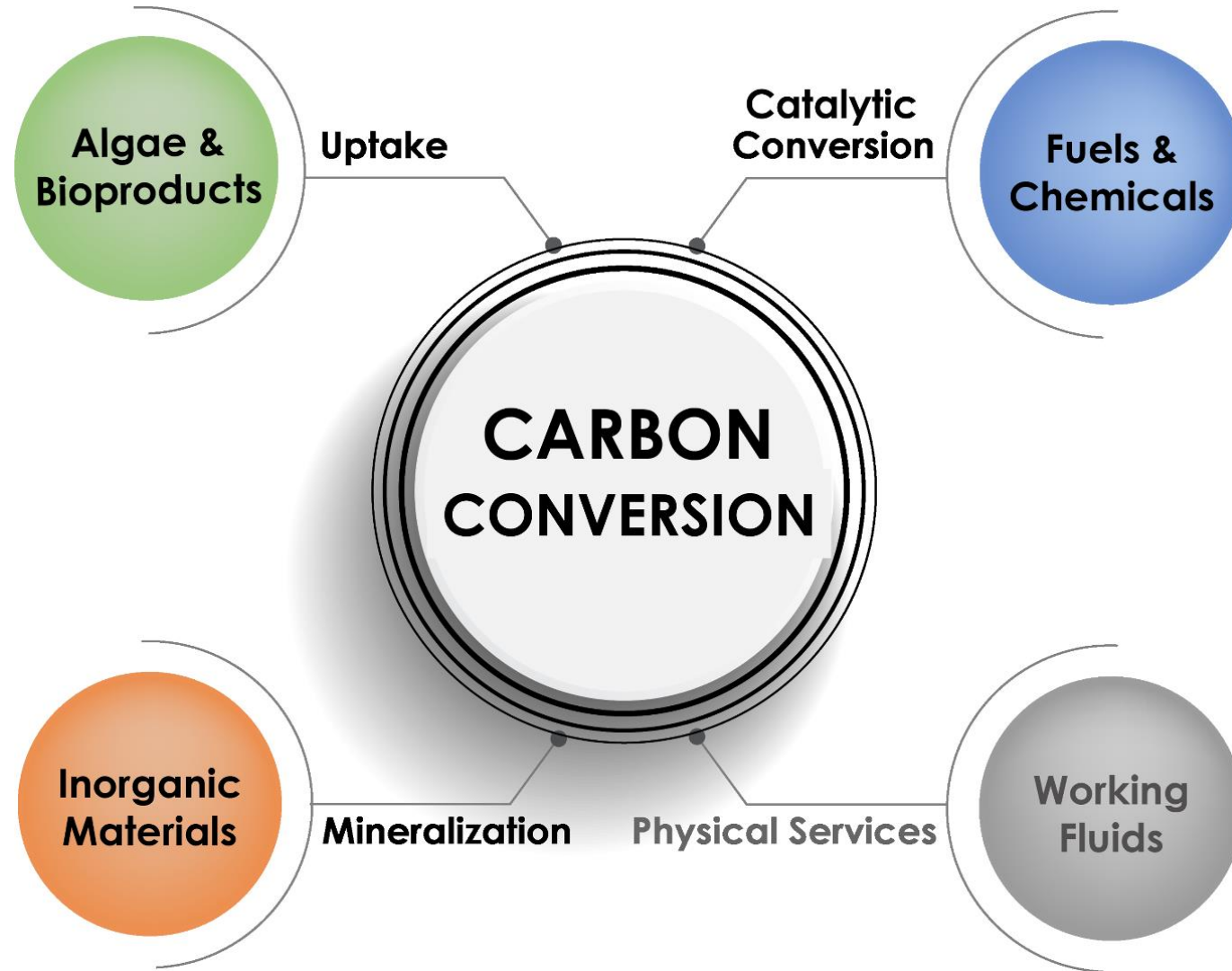
Safe, cost-effective, and permanent geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub>



## Carbon Capture

Capturing CO<sub>2</sub> from new and existing industrial and power plants





Focus of other programs

# IRA Impacts -

<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/inflation-reduction-act-summary-energy-climate-provisions>

- Extends the deadline for construction to January 1, 2033 and increases the credit amount.
  - From \$50 to \$85 per ton for CCUS for industrial facilities and power plants for saline geologic formations.
  - **From \$35 to \$60 per ton for utilization** of captured CO<sub>2</sub> and its precursor carbon monoxide to produce low and zero-carbon fuels, chemicals, building materials and other products, or for enhanced oil recovery (EOR).
  - From \$50 to \$180 per ton for DAC stored in saline geologic formations and **from \$35 to \$130 per ton for utilization or EOR.**
- Decrease minimum plant size threshold:
  - From 100,000 to 1,000 tons per year for DAC.
  - From 500,000 to 18,750 metric tons per taxable year for Electric Generating Facility paired with design capacity requirement below.
  - **From 25,000 to 12,500 metric tons per taxable year for any other facility.**
- Design Capacity Requirement: Point-source carbon capture projects on electric generating units will be required to design capture equipment to capture at least 75% of unit (not facility) CO<sub>2</sub> production, subject to a review if facility emissions increase in future years.
- Direct Pay Compromise: Projects will receive direct pay for the first 5 years after the carbon capture equipment is placed in service (no direct pay option for the final 7 years of the credit). Nonprofit organizations and co-ops can receive direct pay for all 12 years of the credit.

# SEC. 40302 of IIJA or BIL

Directs the Secretary to establish a program for **eligible entities** ...to submit ....an application.... An eligible entity shall use a grant received to **procure and use commercial or industrial products** that

- (i) use or are derived from *anthropogenic carbon oxides*; and
- (ii) demonstrate significant net reductions in *lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to incumbent technologies, processes, and products*.

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?hl=false&edition=prelim&req=granuleid%3AUSC-prelim-title42-section16298a&f=treesort&num=0>



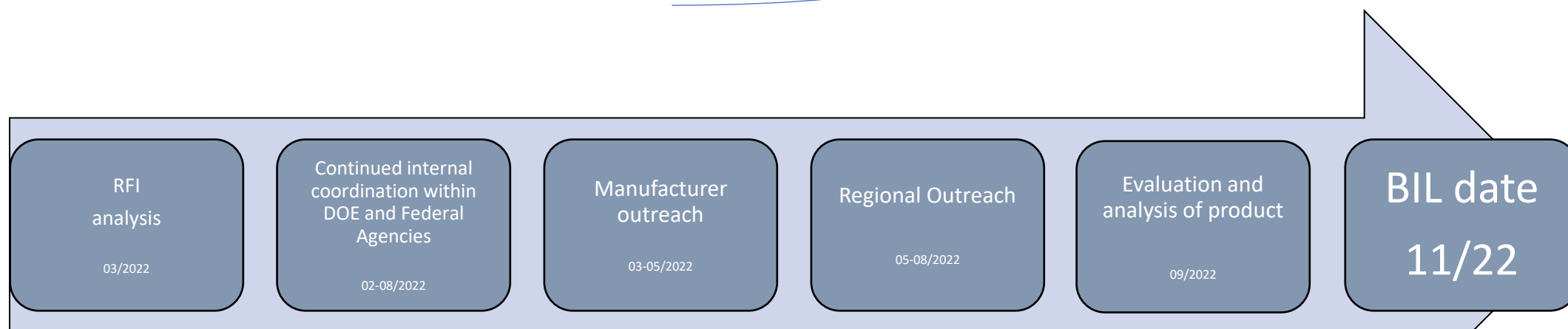
# Appropriations and Timeline

PP 988 of BIL

## (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.-

- \$41,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;
- \$65,250,000 for fiscal year 2023;
- \$66,562,500 for fiscal year 2024;
- \$67,940,625 for fiscal year 2025; and
- \$69,387,656 for fiscal year 2026.

Funding totals ~\$310MM  
over five years are given  
to the PROGRAM



# Critical Points

- DOE total funding for *demonstration* Procurement Grant program is flexible
- Procurements grants will go to eligible entities
  - State government
  - Local government
  - Public utilities
- Net reduction in life cycle GHG emissions

# DOE/NETL CO2U LCA Guidance Toolkit

- CO2 utilization LCA guidance and tool package for Carbon Utilization Program primary research projects
- LCA guidance, open source LCA software (openLCA), NETL data, and results reporting tools
- An openLCA database has been populated with data and an example to help conduct LCA within the openLCA software
- An Excel tool has been created to take openLCA results and translate them into stacked bar charts for results communication



Toolkit available at [netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U](https://netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U)



# Preliminary LCA Process for Procurement Grant Program



Product manufacturer completes LCA for eligible product(s) in accordance with guidelines and submits for review



DOE reviews manufacturer LCA:

- Conformance with guidelines
- Minimum of 10% improvement over business-as-usual



Once approved, manufacturer and product are added to an approved list of vendors

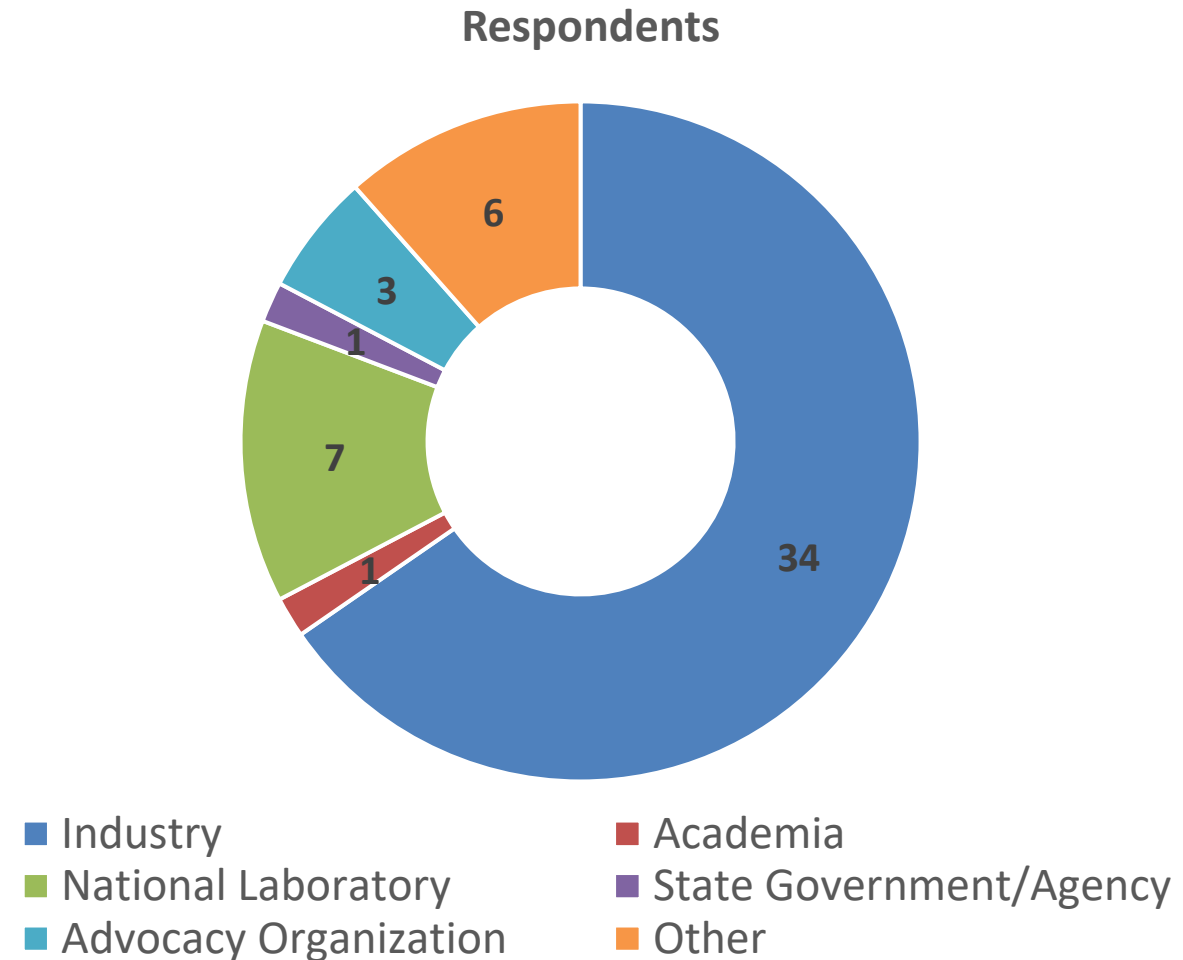


Eligible entities engage approved suppliers and establish a purchase agreement

## RFI Technical Area #6 - Deployment and Demonstration Opportunities for Carbon Reduction and Removal Technologies

Response overview (52 total respondents)

- Industry (34)
- Academia (1)
- National Laboratory (7)
- State Government/Agency (1)
- Advocacy Organization (3)
- Other (6)
  - Includes non-profits, consultant, foundation, initiative, institutes



# RFI Technical Area #6 Overall Summary

## Funding, business models, and market considerations

- The current market offers a non-attractive business case due to high-cost premiums compared to fossil-derived materials.
- Several respondents expressed uncertainty on if or when 45Q applied to CO<sub>2</sub> conversion and this results in investment hesitation. Updated 45Q credit and/or other funding and incentives must be implemented to promote and, in some cases, sustain the commercialization of CO<sub>2</sub> conversion technologies/products.

## Engagement and Existing Government Procurement Mechanisms

- Respondents most often specified that DOE should engage stakeholders at the state level, but responses varied from the Federal level all the way down to customers. The most common response is to engage commercially motivated stakeholders (i.e., industries) as well as government groups and agencies at all levels.

## Product Codes, Standards and Certifications

- There is no current standard practice to measure, quantify, or report the carbon footprint of a product or technology. There is no verification that a product utilizes CO<sub>2</sub>. There is no sufficiently detailed, standard method to perform life-cycle-analysis for CO<sub>2</sub> conversion.
- These issues must be remedied in order to allow for technology/product developers to obtain/qualify for some “low-carbon” certification (and possible subsequent incentive) and to encourage consumers to purchase such certified products. This will promote commercialization.

## Technology

- Responses covered a wide variety of CO<sub>2</sub> conversion products and pathways.
- The discussed CO<sub>2</sub> utilization technologies spanned a range of maturity levels, but most technologies are at a lower TRL.
- Respondents commonly expressed the need for both standards and certifications as well as funding, incentives, and policy to support scale-up and commercialization efforts.
- The respondents claimed that CO<sub>2</sub> conversion would reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Details were scant for the market scale/emissions reduction potential of individual technologies and products, but several reports were cited that indicated that the CO<sub>2</sub> conversion market would see expansive growth and use up to several gigatons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- Major commercialization is expected to commence in the early to mid 2030's.
- Economic support to Underserved Communities, due to CO<sub>2</sub> conversion commercialization, would be provided due to the creation of new jobs ranging from construction, to product manufacture, to product value chains.

# Additional References

- <https://usea.org/event/virtual-carbon-management-applicant-education-workshop>
- LCA Toolkit available at [netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U](https://netl.doe.gov/LCA/CO2U)



# International Collaboration

- USDOE first joined ACT partners in ACT 2
- In ACT 3, USDOE supported more than 5 multilateral project through national lab network
  - Conversion program supports NEXTCCS, CoCaCo2la, ACTION

**ACT 4 is currently open**

**<http://www.act-ccs.eu/calls> Due 9/12**



# Bilateral Efforts

India- Department of Science and technology



Japan- National institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

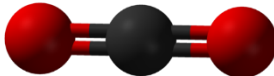
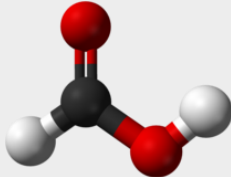
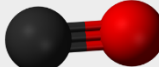
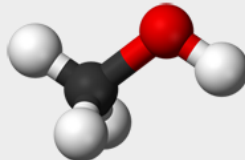
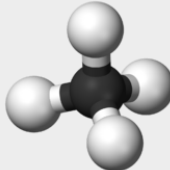
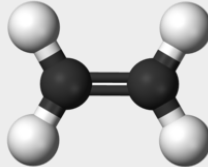
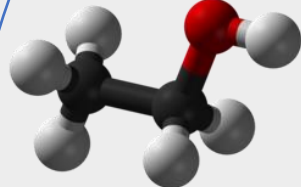


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# CO<sub>2</sub>: A Potential Reactant to Platform Chemicals

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|  |          | <b>Carbon Dioxide</b><br>CO <sub>2</sub><br>                                  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Electrons Required:                      |          | +2e <sup>-</sup>   | +2e <sup>-</sup>  | +6e <sup>-</sup>  | +8e <sup>-</sup>   | +12e <sup>-</sup>   | +12e <sup>-</sup>   |
| Current Industrial<br>Production Methods | Products | <b>Formic Acid</b><br>HCOOH<br>   | <b>Carbon Monoxide</b><br>CO<br>   | <b>Methanol</b><br>CH <sub>3</sub> OH<br> | <b>Methane</b><br>CH <sub>4</sub><br> | <b>Ethylene</b><br>C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub><br> | <b>Ethanol</b><br>C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH<br>   |
|  |          | <b>Methyl Formate Hydrolysis</b><br><br>CH <sub>3</sub> OH + CO → HCOOCH <sub>3</sub><br><br>HCOOCH <sub>3</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O → HCOOH + CH <sub>3</sub> OH | <b>Coal Gasification</b><br><br>C + H <sub>2</sub> O → CO + H <sub>2</sub><br><br><b>Steam Reforming</b><br><br>CH <sub>4</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O → CO + 3H <sub>2</sub> | <b>Syngas Conversion</b><br><br>CO + 2H <sub>2</sub> → CH <sub>3</sub> OH   | <b>Major Component of Natural Gas</b>  | <b>Steam Cracking</b><br><br>C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> → C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + other cracking products                    | <b>Ethylene Hydration</b><br><br>C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O → C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH<br><br><b>Fermentation</b><br><br>C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> → 2C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH + 2CO <sub>2</sub><br>(using yeasts) |



<https://netl.doe.gov/coal/carbon-utilization>

# Questions?

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