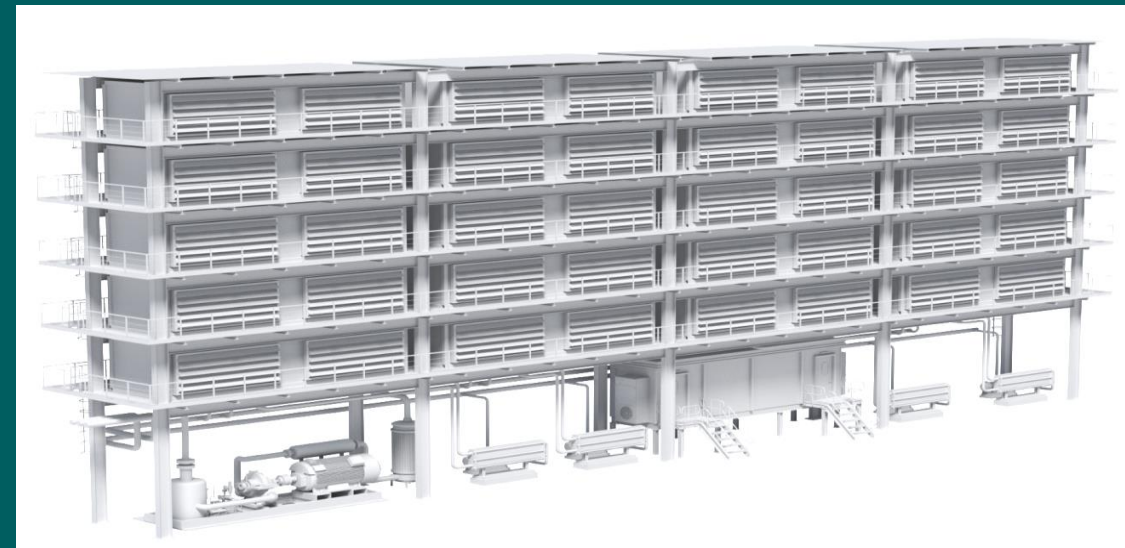




# HOUSTON AREA DAC HUB

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# GE Vernova Advanced Research Mission



## POWER

Decarbonize

Carbon Capture, 100% H<sub>2</sub>, eFuels  
Next Gen Nuclear

## WIND

Accelerate

Scalable Workhorse Product,  
AI Enabled Service Tech

## ELECTRIFICATION

More Resilient

A Secure, Flexible  
& Resilient Grid



**Bringing Research to Reality ... Energy Innovation to Change the World**



# Advanced Research at a GLANCE

## TALENT

**275+**

Global Researchers

**70%**

PhDs

## LOCATIONS

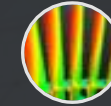


Niskayuna, NY



Bangalore, India

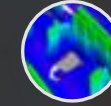
## TECH CAPABILITIES



Aero & Thermosciences



AI, Robotics & Software



Controls & Optimization



Electrical & Power Systems



Embedded Systems & Cybersecurity



Material Chemistry & Physics




Materials, Coatings & Modeling




Mechanical Systems & Design

# Houston DAC HUB Project Team


**Program Team**

 **GE VERNOVA**  
*Project management, DAC technology, Pre-FEED study, prime*


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 **TENASKA**  
*Site owner, sequestration services*


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 **Constellation**  
*Renewable energy supplier, nuclear operator*


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 **HITACHI**  
*Small Modular Reactor*

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 **TEXAS**  
*The University of Texas at Austin  
 Community benefits*

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 **Argonne**  
 NATIONAL LABORATORY  
*LCA/TEA*

- Project Execution
- Business & Finance plan
- Pre-FEED study
- DAC Technology & Utilization

Phase 0a – BP1 5/24-1/25  
 Phase 0b – BP1 2/25-4/26  
 24 months  
 Total Cost \$3,316,234  
 Federal \$2,553,500  
 Cost Share \$762734

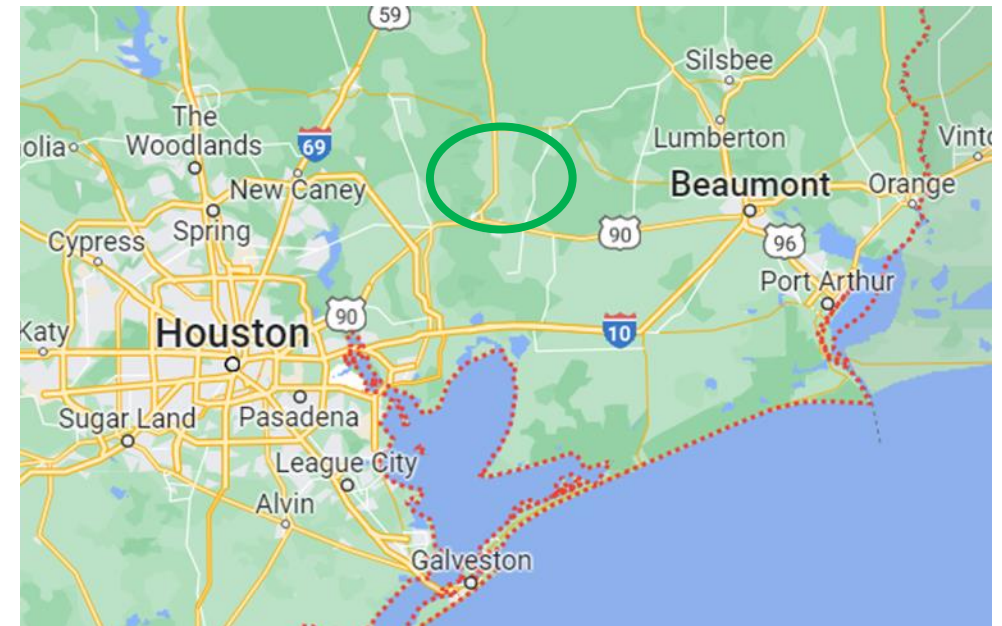
- Sequestration
- Site ownership
  - Pore space
  - Real-estate

- Renewable RECs via CORE+
- Largest Operator of Nuclear power plants in the US

- Pre-FEED study - SMR

- Bureau of Economic Geology
- Community outreach

- LCA Analysis
- GREET model



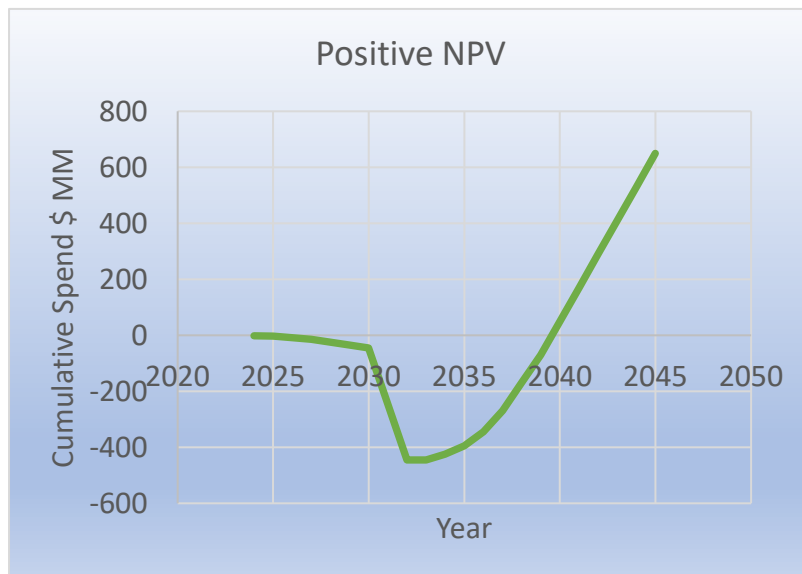
# TECHNICAL APPROACH



# Three Top Level Objectives

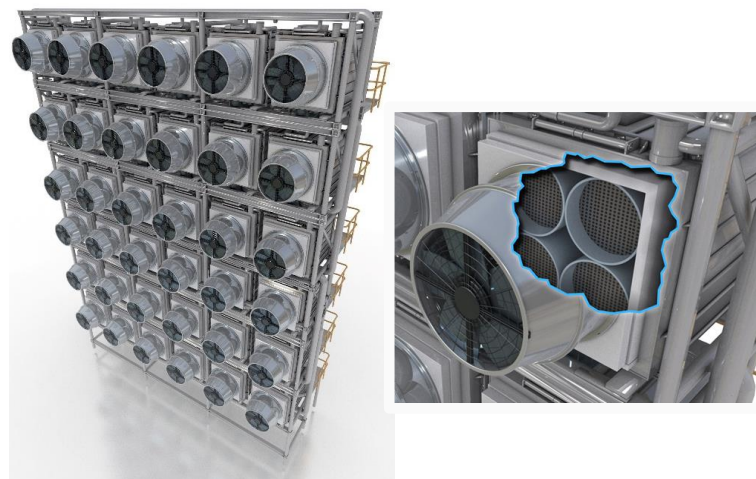
## Business/Financial Plan

- Ownership Structure (0a)
- Business Plan
- Financial Plan



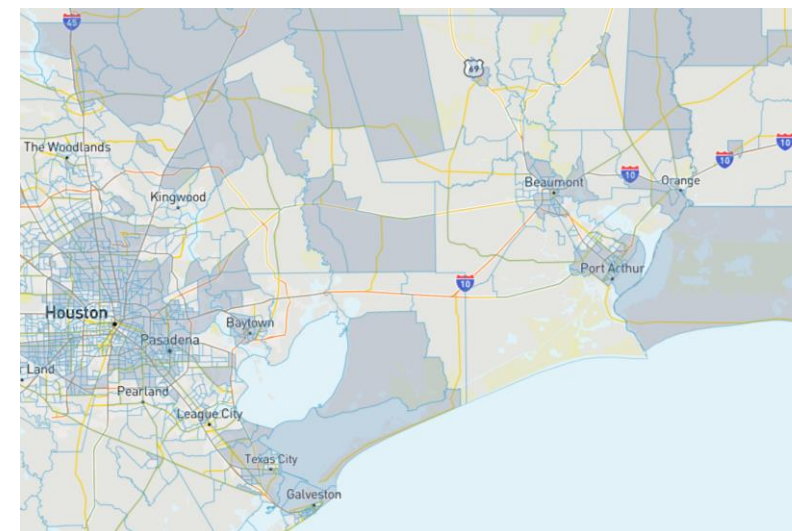
## DAC Hub Concept

- GE Vernova Sorbent based DAC Technology
- GE Vernova Utilization Technology
- GE Hitachi Small Modular Reactor Design

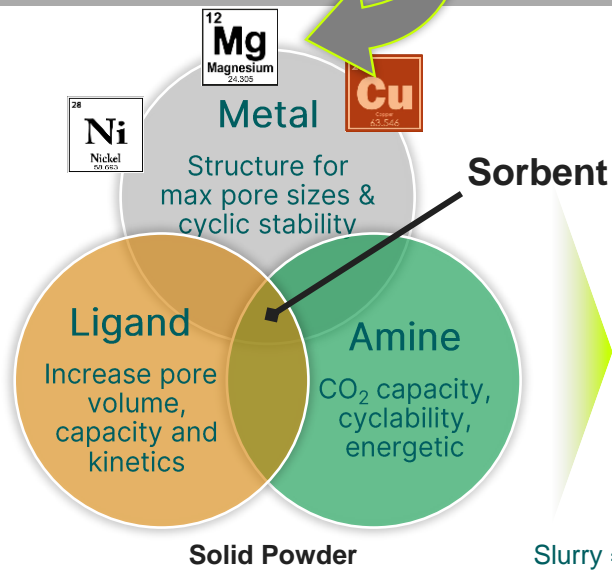
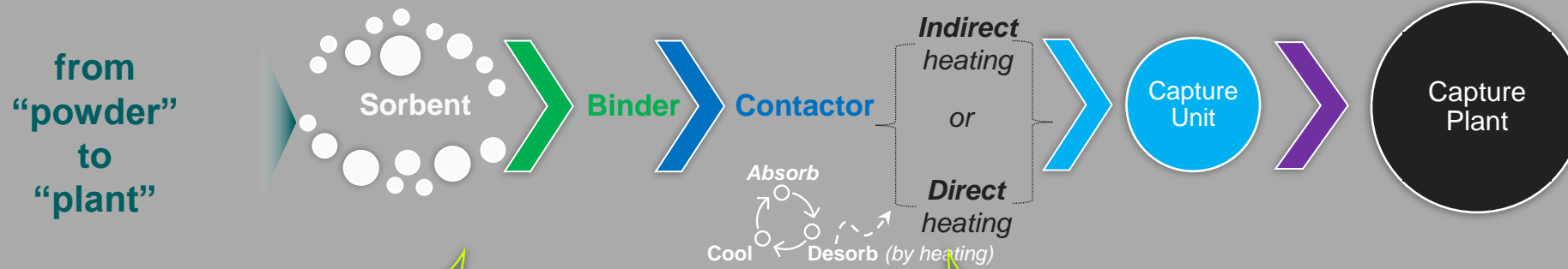


## Community Benefits

- Engaging Community and Labor
- Quality Jobs
- Advance DEIA
- Justice 40



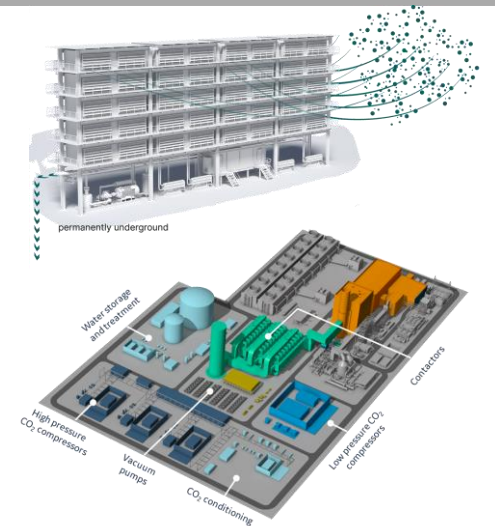
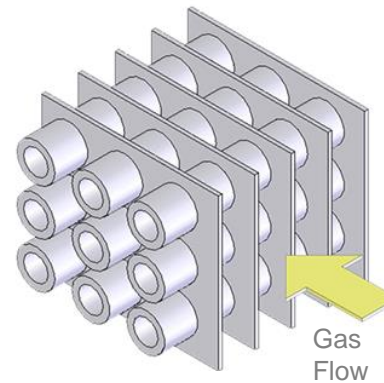
# Sorbent-based carbon capture system overview



Slurry = Solid Powder + Binder



Coated Contactor = Slurry applied to the Contactor

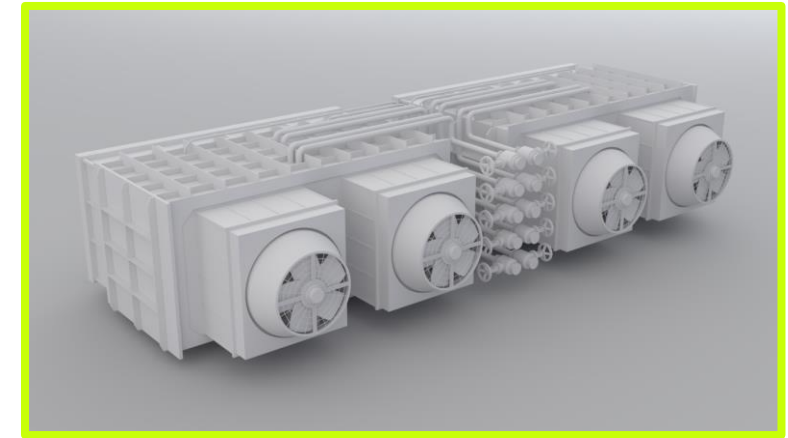
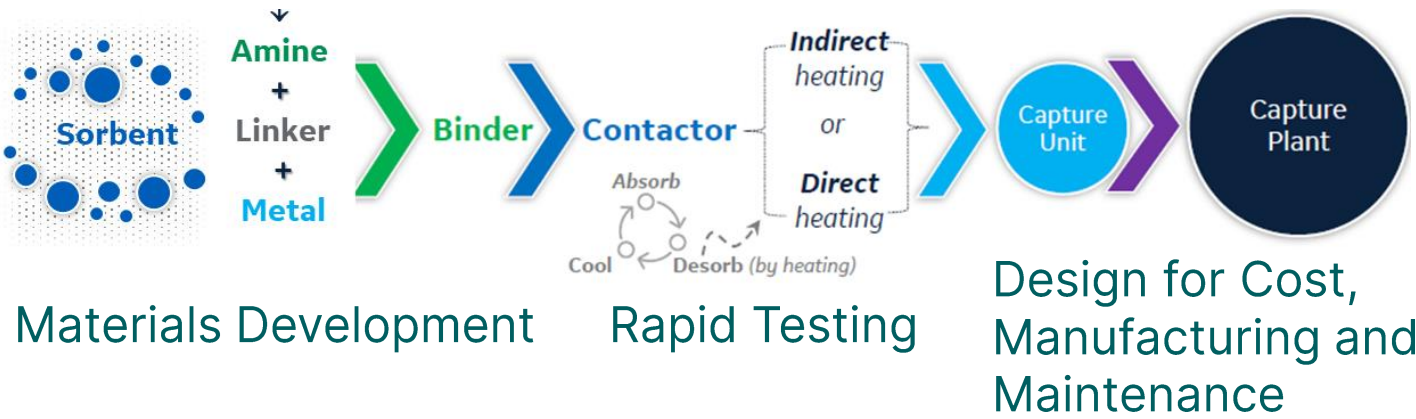


CCUS Plant = Coated Contactors + BoP

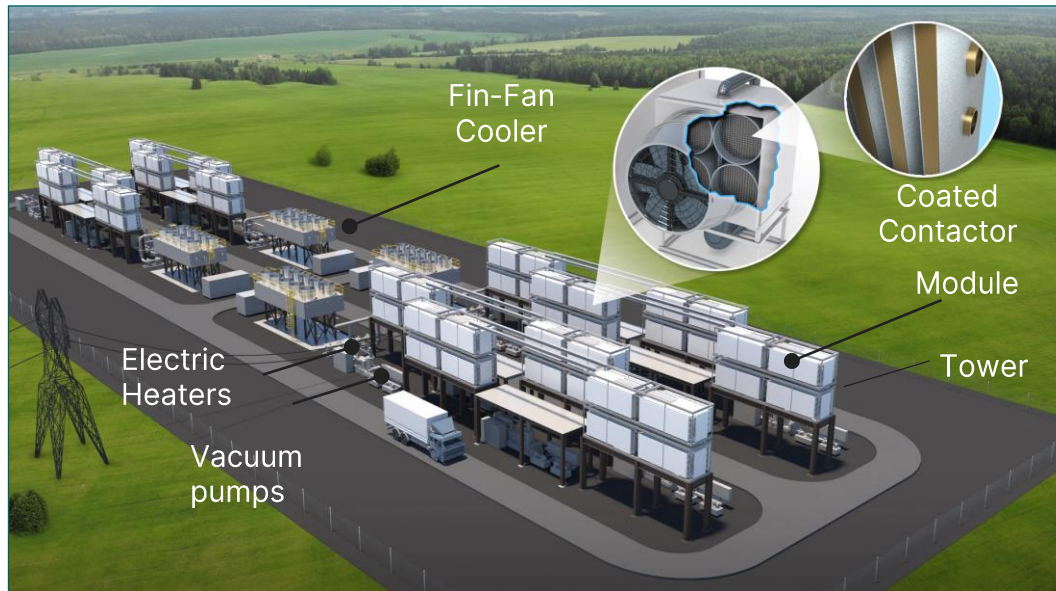
Selecting direct vs. indirect drives all system design decisions



# Carbon Capture & Atmospheric Water Extraction... "Powder to Plant"



Capture Unit



Capture Plant

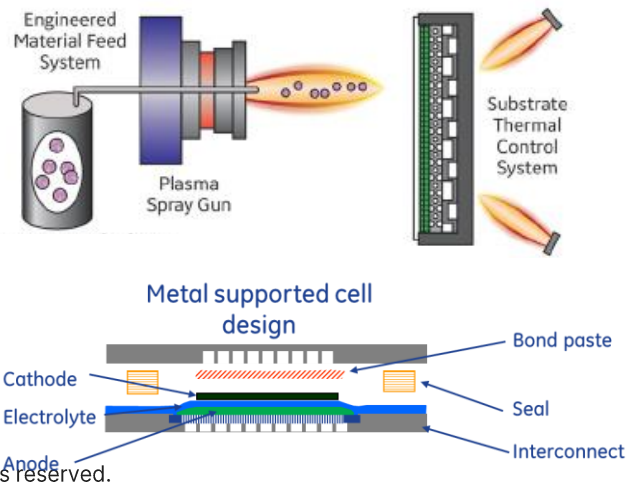


Stacks of Units

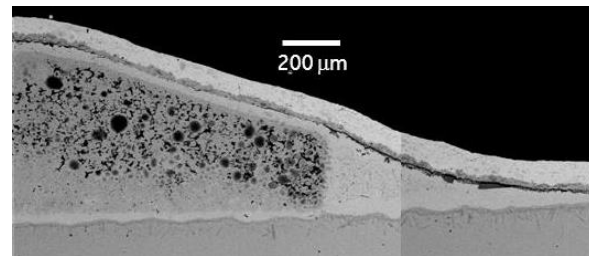
# Key Solid-oxide Co-electrolysis Features

Feature	Technical Advantages	System Advantages	Next-Best Alternative
High temperature reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highest Efficiency (&gt;99% with steam)</li> <li>High reaction rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lowest power requirement</li> <li>Small footprint</li> </ul>	Low temperature PEM H <sub>2</sub> electrolyzer + Reverse Water Gas Shift Reactor
Thermal spray coated onto metal substrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integral fuel-side sealing</li> <li>Scalable to large area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small footprint</li> <li>Reduced controls complexity</li> </ul>	SOCC with ceramic substrate and bulk ceramic processing.

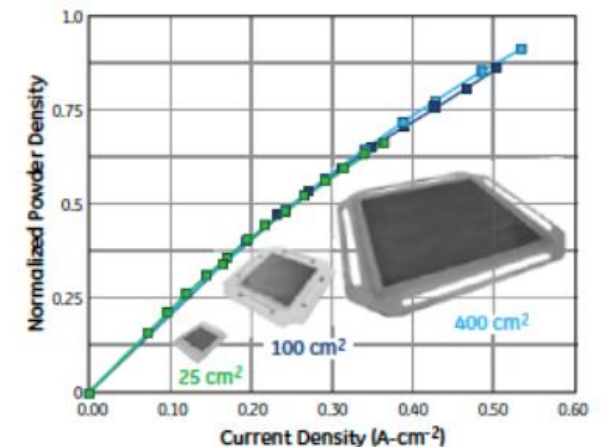
*Thermal Spray Process – High deposition rate and area-scaleable*



*Integral fuel-side sealing*



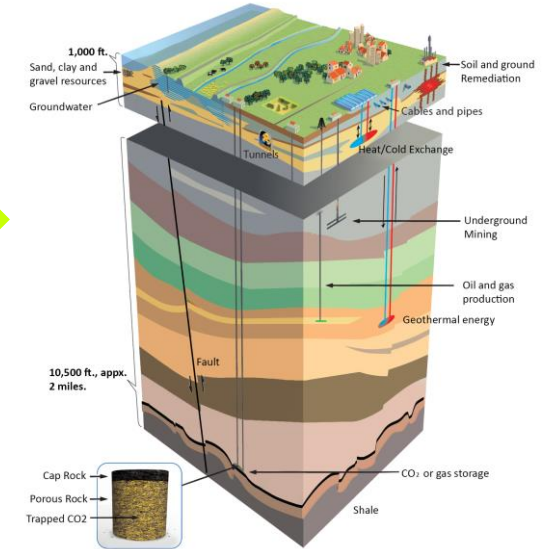
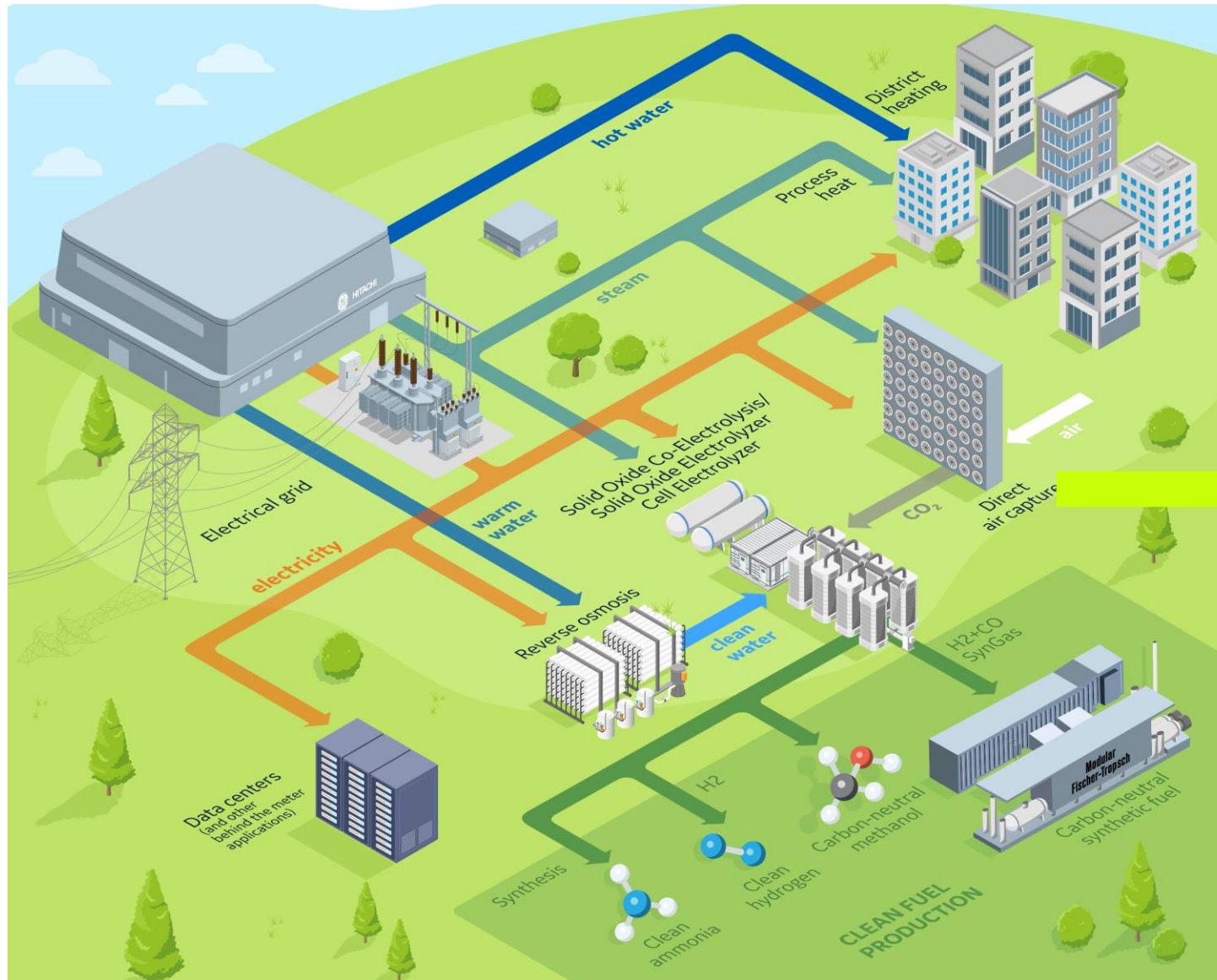
*No change in performance with scaling*



**GE Vernova DAC + SOCC = Lowest Cost of Syngas**



# Integrated System for Carbon Removal and Conversion





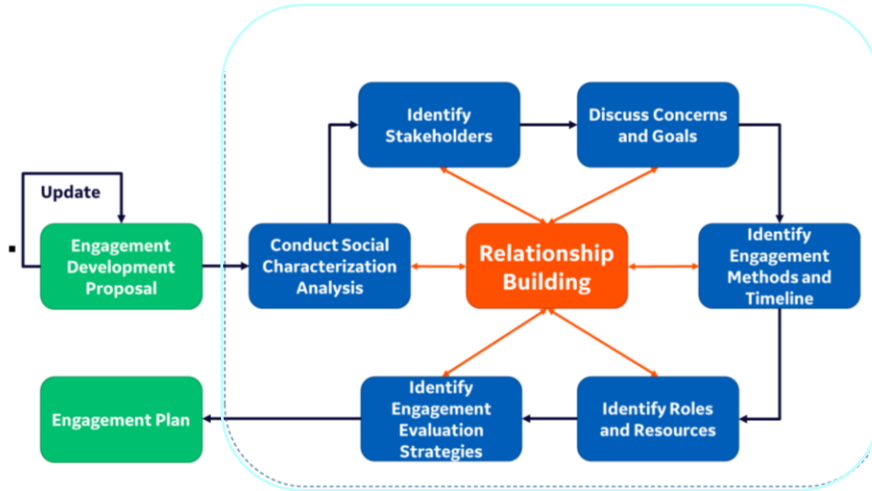
# Risk Management

Perceived Risk	Probability	Impact	Overall	Mitigation/Response Strategy
Team unable to form an acceptable ownership structure for the DAC Hub	<b>MED</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	If this occurs, it will be very difficult for the team to continue with this DAC Hub approach. The team will need to regroup, get reorganized and prepare to apply to the new FOA in 2025 with a different approach
DAC technology is not at TRL by the end of Phase 0b	<b>LOW</b>	<b>MED</b>	<b>LOW</b>	The team will continue to engage other DAC companies that could be part of the Hub and take over the anchor position if necessary.
A sound business case cannot be developed	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b>	Given the immaturity of the DAC technologies it maybe that the initial high-level economics are challenging but there will be opportunities to continue to improve the technology to improve the economics
Team is unable to secure cost share for Phase I	<b>MED</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	While the team might be able to successfully complete Phase 0b, without follow on commitment Phase 1 will not be possible. The team will make every effort to secure follow-on funding for this Hub.
Team members back out pre-award or post-award	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b>	<b>MED</b>	With a diverse set of participants, there may be a change in business priorities. The team will need to continue to engage a range of companies about the possibility of joining the Hub in order ensure a stable team can see this program through to the end.

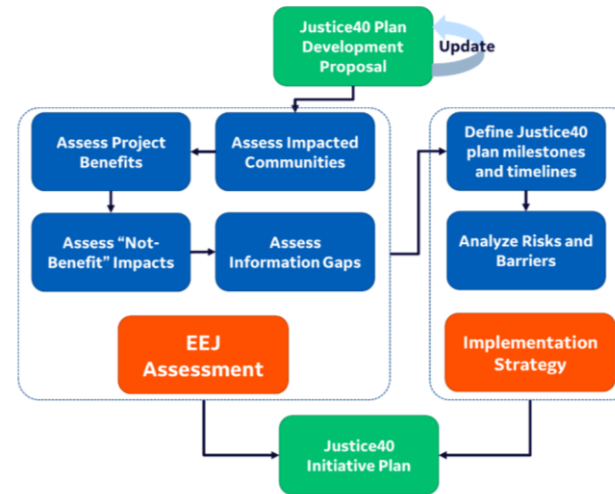
# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

# Community Benefits Plan

Community Benefits Plan Development Proposal (CBPDP) -> Community Benefits Plan (CBP)



Community Engagement Workflow



Justice 40 Workflow

DEIA Goals and Outcomes

DEIA Partnerships

Implementation Strategies

DEIA

Workforce hiring assessment

Creation and Retention of Jobs

Outreach and Engagement

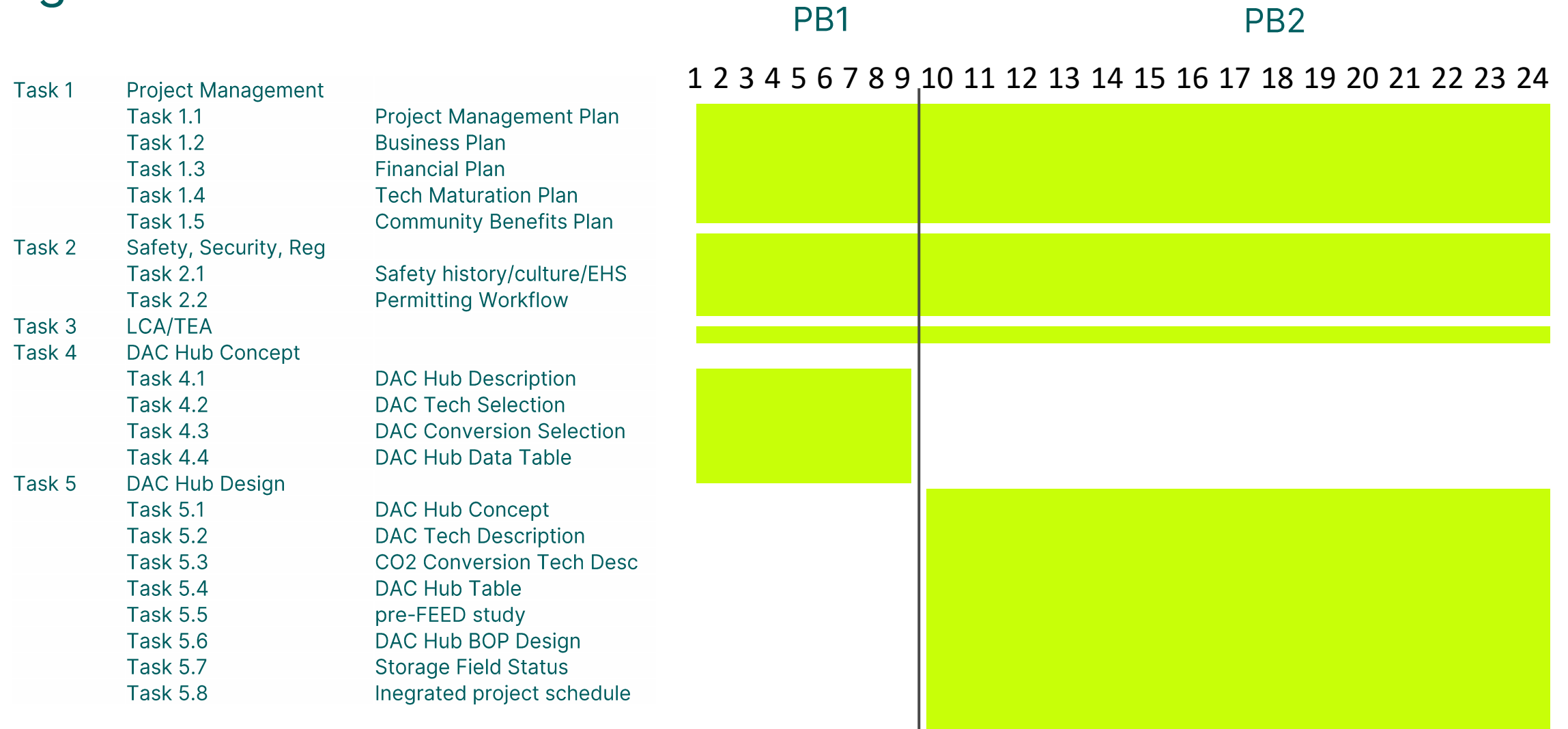
Investing in American Workforce

University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology will sub-contract with Lamar University to develop a plan for community outreach, quality jobs plan, DEIA training and Justice40 Initiative.

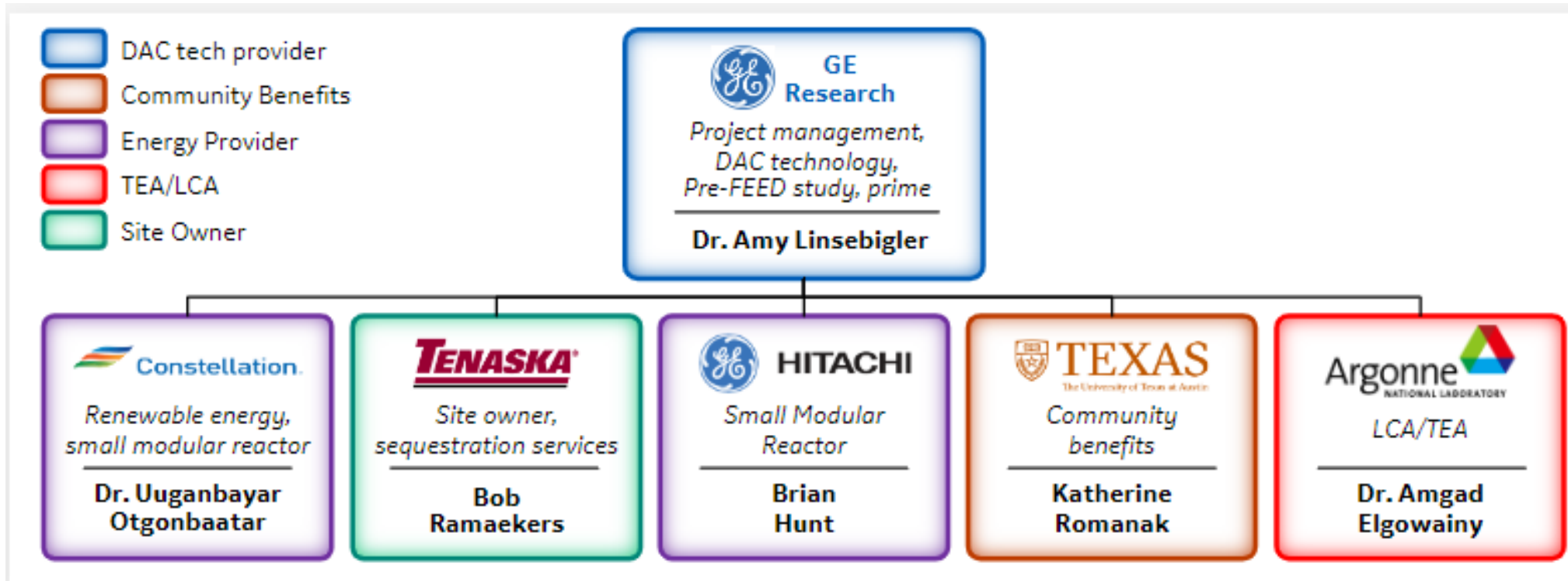


# BACKUP

# High Level Tasks



# DAC Hub Team







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