

USA: 3,2 Mio \$ für Nationales Inkubatoren Netzwerk im Bereich erneuerbare Energien

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Das US-amerikanische Department of Energy (DOE) hat den Start einer nationalen Inkubatoren Initiative für erneuerbare Energien, kurz NIICE, bekanntgegeben. Ziel der Initiative ist es, ein US-weites Netzwerk aufzubauen, das die Startups und Inkubatoren der Branche zusammenbringt. Die jungen Unternehmen sollen dabei unterstützt werden, ihre Produkte zur Marktreife zu bringen. Außerdem soll die Vernetzung von Industrie, Inkubatoren und Forschung vorangetrieben werden, um die vorhandenen Ressourcen bestmöglich zu nutzen. Insgesamt stellt das DOE 3,2 Mio. \$ für die Initiative bereit. Mit dem Geld werden unter anderem Inkubatoren in Kalifornien sowie im Süd- und Mittleren Westen beim Aufbau regionaler Programme unterstützt, zudem soll ein US-weites Programm finanziert werden.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has announced the launch of the National Incubator Initiative for Clean Energy (NIICE). NIICE will serve a national support network for the nation's clean energy startup community and the incubators that support them. The network will provide technical assistance and training services to help clean energy startups move their products closer to market readiness. It also will help establish a suite of technological and training resources, bring together energy industry partners, enhance incubator best practices, and increase access to information about industry resources to advance innovative clean energy technologies with commercial viability emerging from institutions of higher education and federal laboratories.

DOE will commit most of the \$3.2 million to support three clean energy-focused incubators to run their programs and commercialization services for clean energy startups and develop best practices for clean energy incubators that can be replicated nationwide. Awardees include:

- The [NextEnergy Center](#) in Detroit, MI, and the [Clean Energy Trust](#) in Chicago, IL, will receive more than \$745,000 to establish the Midwest Innovation Bridge.
- The [Austin Technology Incubator](#) at the University of Texas in Austin will receive more than \$745,000 to form the Southwest Regional Clean Energy Incubation Initiative.
- The [Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator](#) will receive more than \$729,000 to establish California's first statewide clean energy incubator collaboration — the California Cleantech Commercialization Coalition (4C) Program.

The nearly \$1 million in remaining funding will be used to fund a national organization, the Clean Technology Accelerator Program (CleanTAP), which will be led by the [Electric Power Research Institute](#) in Knoxville, TN. In partnership with the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory](#), CleanTAP will coordinate clean energy-focused business incubators nationwide and provide online and technical resources to clean energy startups across the country. Among its proposed activities, CleanTAP will develop a National Asset Map of public and private clean energy assets.

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