

TECHBRIDGE + GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

You want to support economic development by helping high-potential startups and growing the clean energy and manufacturing sectors.

At Fraunhofer TechBridge, we use our unique method to address a critical yet underserved problem in economic development: innovators with game-changing products and processes lack the resources to properly validate their solutions for investors and partners. This problem is especially challenging in the energy sector due to a long time-to-market, high capital intensity, and dwindling venture capital.

Our mission is to systematically remove these barriers and accelerate clean energy innovators with targeted, industry-driven technical validation.

TechBridge works with government partners at the national, regional, and local levels. We start by selecting the most innovative high-growth startups within a region, domain area, or demographic of interest to our government partner. Those startups are then awarded with Fraunhofer's world-renowned technical validation work. The work is designed and executed by domain experts with direct industry input to facilitate follow-on investment and commercialization. This highly customized technical assistance minimizes cost while maximizing economic impact. To see how this method has already proven extremely effective in attracting follow-on funding, creating jobs, and quickly growing businesses, visit our impact page.

Fraunhofer TechBridge provides:

- Direct pathways to investment and industry collaboration
- Acceleration for innovators with the highest potential, yielding domestic growth
- Capital-efficient use of 80+ international applied R&D Fraunhofer research centers
- A pathway to true growth and innovation in the clean energy and manufacturing sectors

To learn about a TechBridge-led program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and other success stories, please visit our <u>impact page</u>.

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