# Expanding U.S.-based Lithium-ion Battery Manufacturing

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## Overview

#### Timeline

- Start January 2010
- End April 2013
- > 50% Complete

#### Barriers

- Lagging Customer Demand
- Financing
- Long Development Cycle(s)

#### **Budget**

- Total Project Funding \$236 M
  - DOE \$118 M
  - EnerDel \$118 M
- Funding Received FY 2011: \$54 M

#### **Partners**

- Equipment Suppliers
- EV Partners (Volvo, HHI, ATC)
- Purdue University
- USABC



## **Objectives - Relevance**

- Develop competitive mass production capability for Lithium-ion battery cells & battery pack systems
  - Vertically integrated cell fabrication through pack assembly
  - Create domestic manufacturing capacity & skilled workforce
- Enhance supply chain & competitiveness of base materials
  - Develop and qualify domestic & international material suppliers

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- Improve performance, cost, & availability

## **Objectives - Relevance**

 Position EnerDel as a tier-one transportation supplier of advanced Lithium-ion battery pack systems

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- Implement APQP product development framework
- Meet standards and acquire industry certification

- Scalable facility footprint
  - Adapt & upgrade existing cell fabrication site
  - Acquire a new mixed-use manufacturing facility
- Achieve maximum leverage of process infrastructure
  - Achieve break-through process cycle times to minimize equipment & people footprint

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• System/equipment optimization approach





- "Seed" initial capacity installation; scale upon customer acquisition
  - Design-in batch & serial production build capability
  - Flex capacity with manpower/line-shifts
  - Address system bottlenecks as needed
  - Develop capability to process alternative source rolled or cut electrode materials

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• Develop material packaging & storage methods

- Layout and automation guidelines
  - Follow lean manufacturing principles
  - Focus automation on Special Process Characteristics (SPC)

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Flex through-put with manpower +/-

- Tool to one standard form factor for cell
  - Adjust chemistry or electrode content to specialize cell characteristics
- Tool to one standard form factor for battery module

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- Standardized piece stack-up
- Customize for applications at pack level





### Cell manufacturing

- Production approval for EnerDel's first Lithium-ion cell mass production system
- Validation phase productivity improvement



Production validation cell test results

**10A Cycle @ 30C Production Validation cell: Line 2** / Reference Cell: Line 1 PVP&R



- Module & pack manufacturing
  - Capacity ramped in 6 months to 17k equivalent EV Packs
  - Packs in customer use





- Alternative material supplier evaluations completed
  - Cathode active material
  - Anode active material
  - Foils
  - Electrolytes
  - Packaging laminates
  - Separators

## **Collaborations/Partnerships**

 Strategic alliances result in the most advanced solutions as technology and infrastructure evolve























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