

The American-Made Solar Prize:

ACCELERATING INNOVATION

The American-Made Solar Prize supports America's solar innovators and accelerates success. How?

80 teams have been funded *with* **\$11M** in cash prizes *and* **\$3.4M** in technical support vouchers

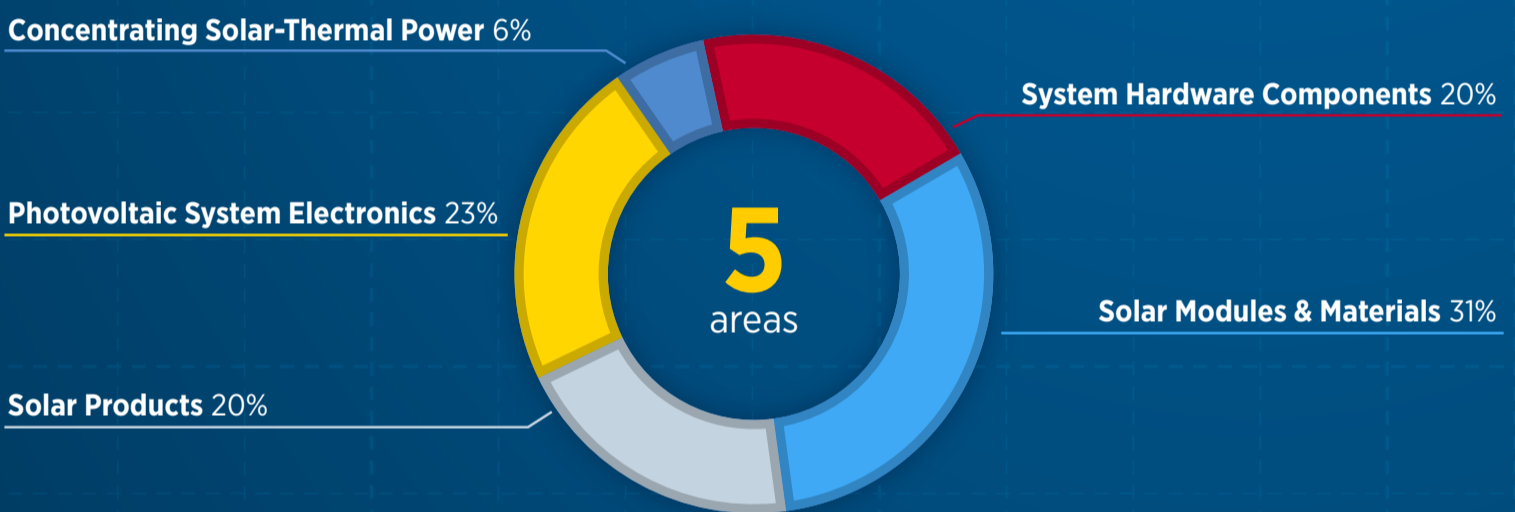


The Solar Prize enables entrepreneurial individuals, researchers, and small businesses to take their innovations from idea to prototype ready for industry testing faster than normal.



“The fast timeline of the prize is intimidating at first and a lot of work, but the deadlines and milestones forced me to move faster than I would have. I wouldn't be where I am without that.”
—Adam Winsor, Asoleyo

Advancing **NEW TECHNOLOGIES** in



The American-Made Network is a diverse group of organizations across the country with the **skills, connections, tools, and expertise** to help energy entrepreneurs succeed.



With **5** national labs *and* **100+** connectors

the Solar Prize has fostered over **175** connections



The prize structure offers competitors the flexibility to spend where and when they need it.

“\$500,000 in prize funds is more valuable than \$2 million in grant funding.”
—Bill Nussey, Solar Innovations

Resulting in **THE ULTIMATE BLUEPRINT**

There are now **13 American-Made Challenges** across **7 Energy Department offices**—Solar, Water, Vehicles, Geothermal, Advanced Manufacturing, Buildings, and Technology Transitions—with **\$36 million** in prize funds.



The Solar Prize leads the way for all American-Made Challenges in demonstrating American leadership in energy innovation and domestic manufacturing. These competitions seek to lower the barriers U.S.-based innovators face in reaching manufacturing scale by accelerating the cycles of learning from years to weeks, while helping create partnerships that connect entrepreneurs to the private sector and the network of the U.S. Department of Energy's National Laboratories. The American-Made Challenges are directed and administered by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and funded by the Energy Department.