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The U.S. National Clean Hydrogen Strategy

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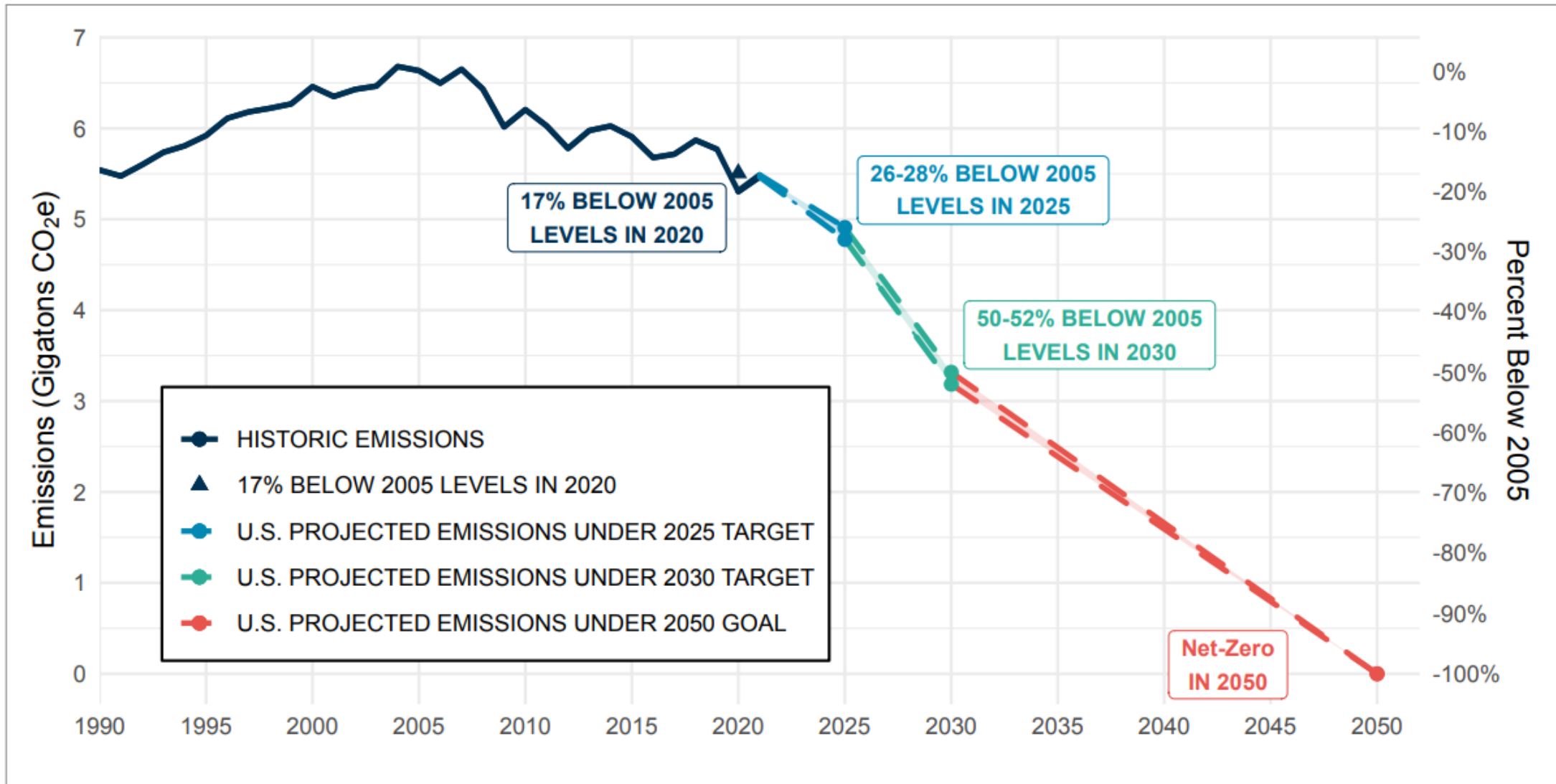
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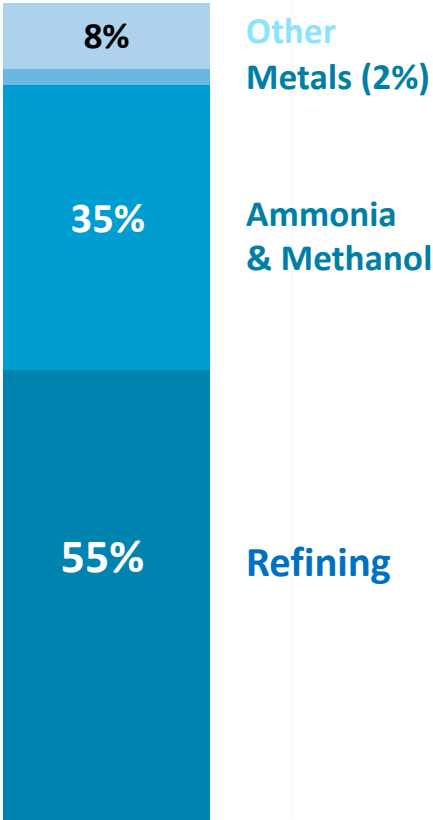
U.S. Decarbonization Goals and Targets vs. Historic Emissions



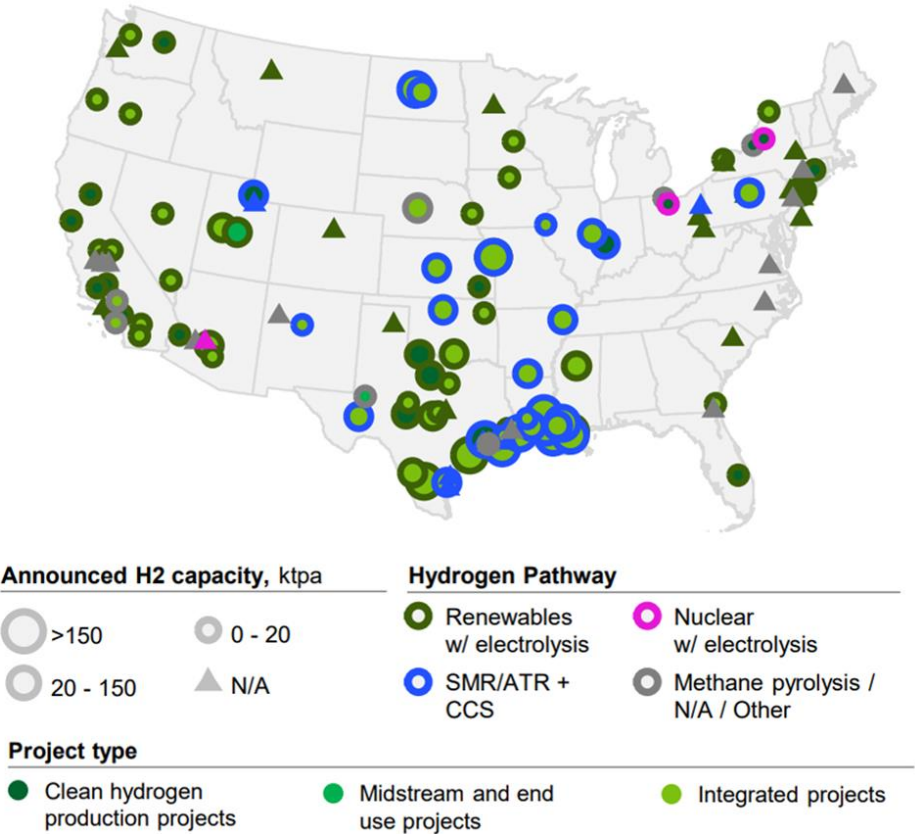
Snapshot of Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the U.S.

- 10 million metric tons produced annually
- More than 1,600 miles of H₂ pipeline
- World's largest H₂ storage cavern

Use of Hydrogen in the U.S. Today

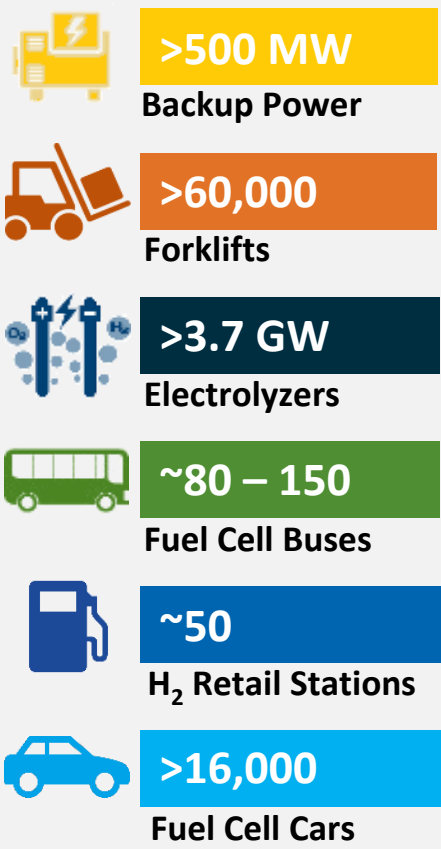


Current publicly announced clean hydrogen production projects*



*as of EOY 2022, DOE Commercial Liftoff Report

Examples of Deployments



Legislation Highlights: BIL and IRA

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Includes \$9.5B for clean hydrogen:
 - \$1B for electrolysis
 - \$0.5B for manufacturing and recycling
 - \$8B for at least four regional clean hydrogen hubs
- Requires developing a **National Clean Hydrogen Strategy and Roadmap**



President Biden Signs the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill into law on November 15, 2021. Photo Credit: Kenny Holston/Getty Images

Inflation Reduction Act

- Includes significant tax credits (e.g., up to \$3/kg for production of clean hydrogen)

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Deploy regional clean hydrogen hubs and ramp up scale

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Benefits:

Emissions reduction; job growth; energy security and resilience

Work with other agencies to accelerate market lift off

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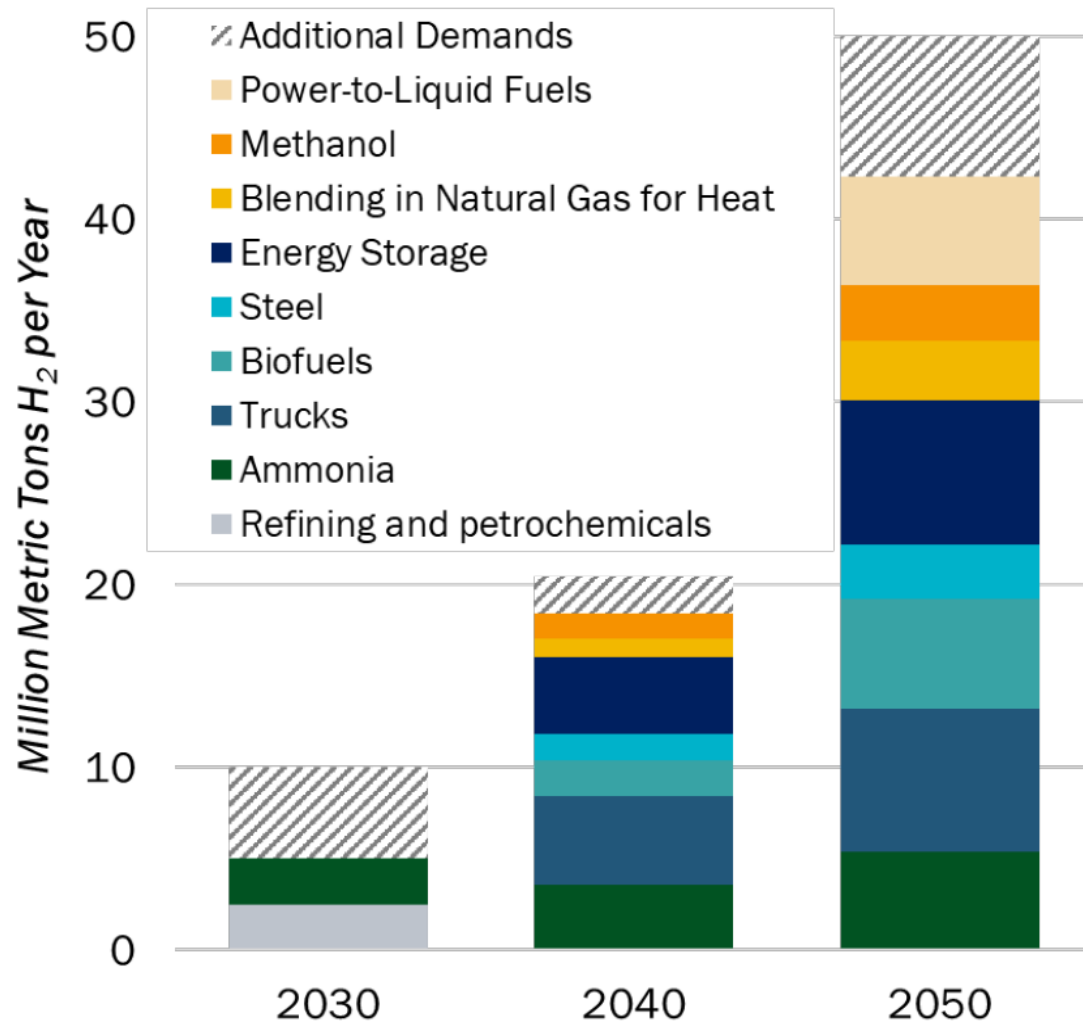
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Strategy 1: Target High-Impact Uses of Hydrogen

Opportunities for Clean Hydrogen Across Applications



Clean Hydrogen Use Scenarios

- Catalyze clean H₂ use in existing industries (ammonia, refineries), initiate new use (e.g., sustainable aviation fuels (SAFs), steel, potential exports)
- Scale up for heavy-duty transport, industry, and energy storage
- Market expansion across sectors for strategic, high-impact uses

U.S. Opportunity: 10MMT/yr by 2030, 20 MMT/yr by 2040, 50 MMT/yr by 2050
~10% Emissions Reduction.
~100K Jobs by 2030

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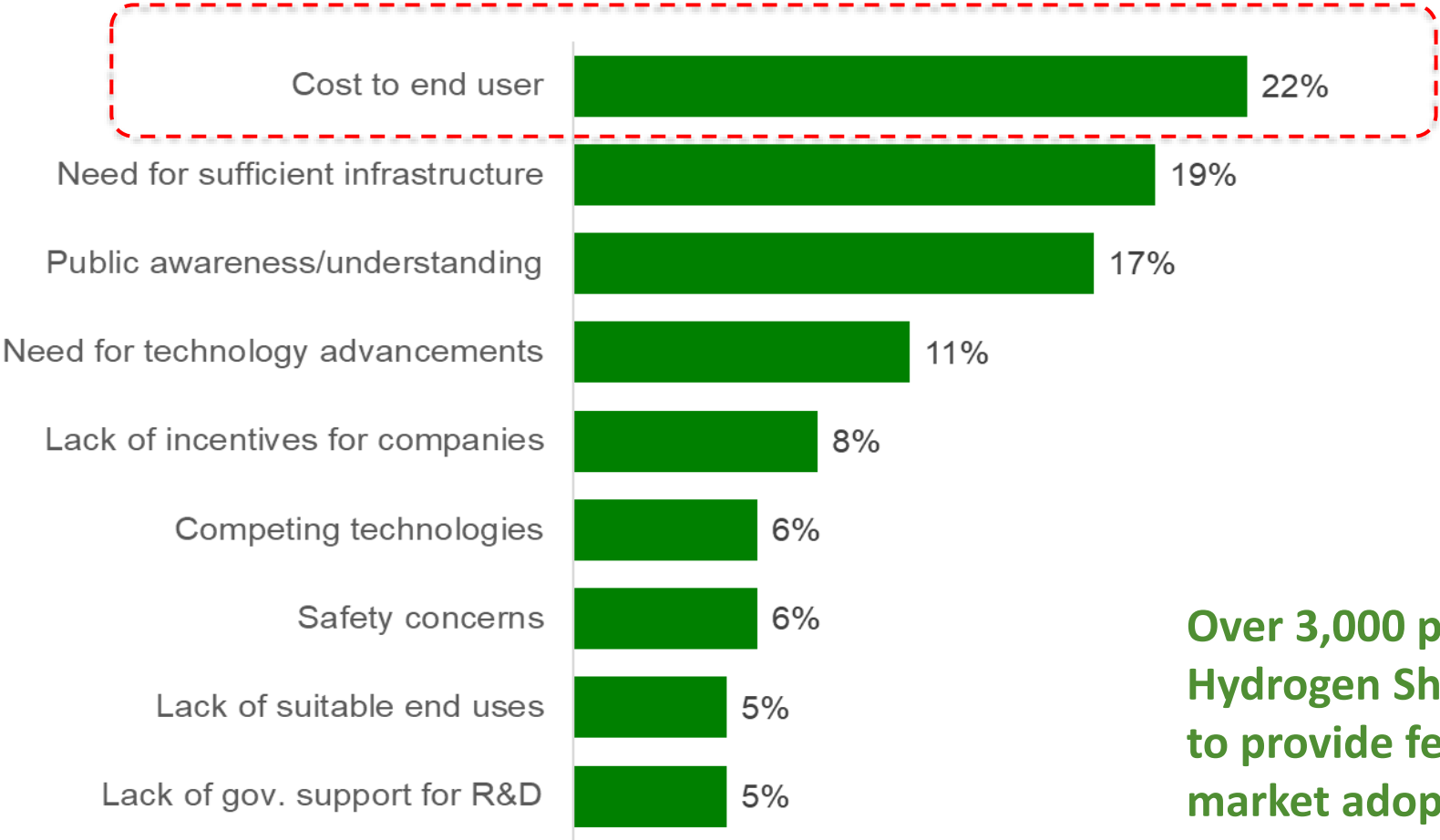
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Strategy 2: Focus on Cost-Reduction

Stakeholder Reported Barriers to Hydrogen Market Adoption



Over 3,000 participants at DOE Hydrogen Shot Summit were requested to provide feedback on key barriers to market adoption of hydrogen

Source: Hydrogen Shot Summit, Sept 2021

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-shot-summit>



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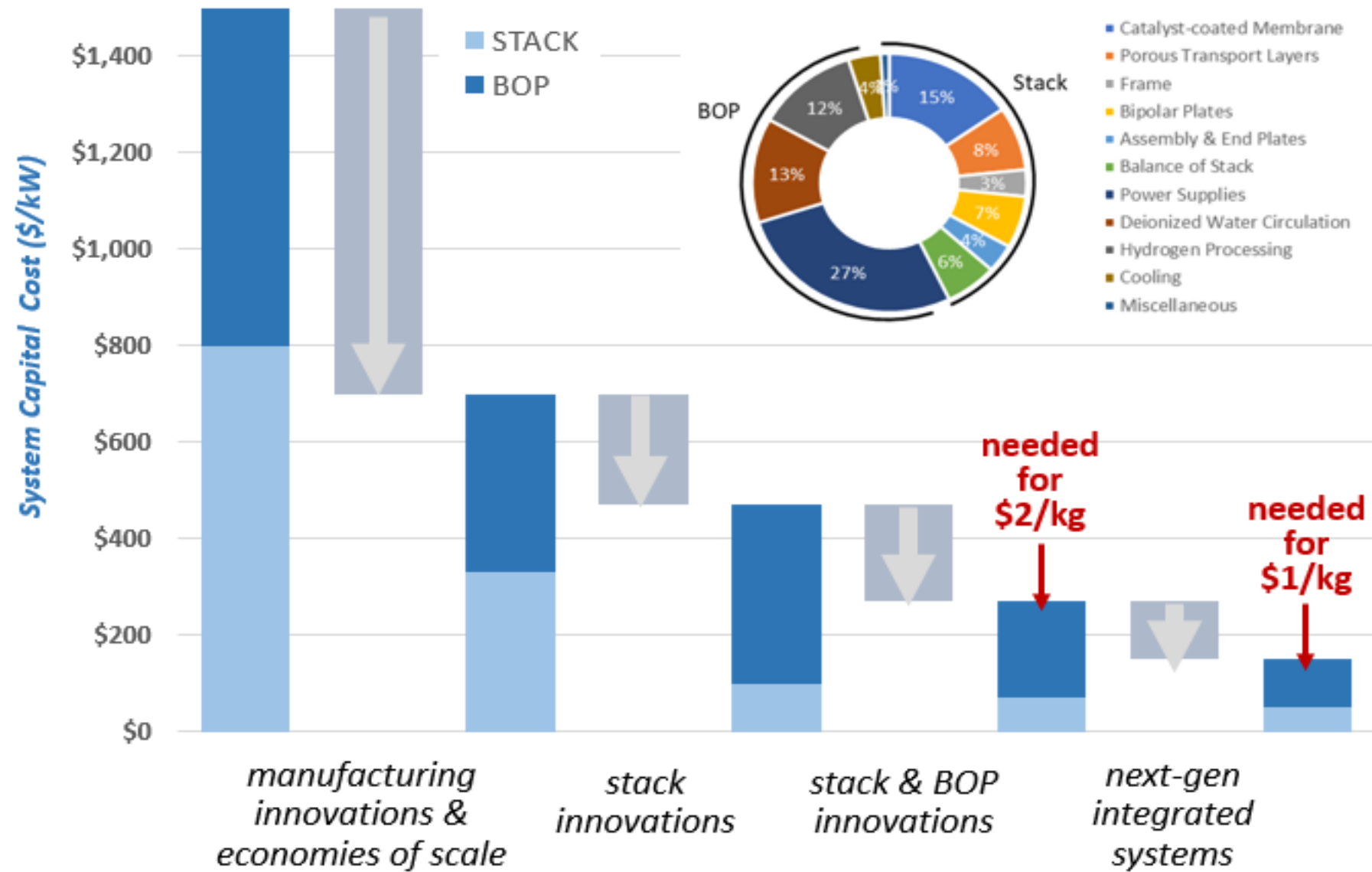
“Hydrogen Shot”

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\$1 for 1 kg clean hydrogen in 1 decade

Launched June 7, 2021

How to reduce cost? Examples across multiple pathways



Analysis shows pathways to reduce cost require both manufacturing scale-up and continued R&D

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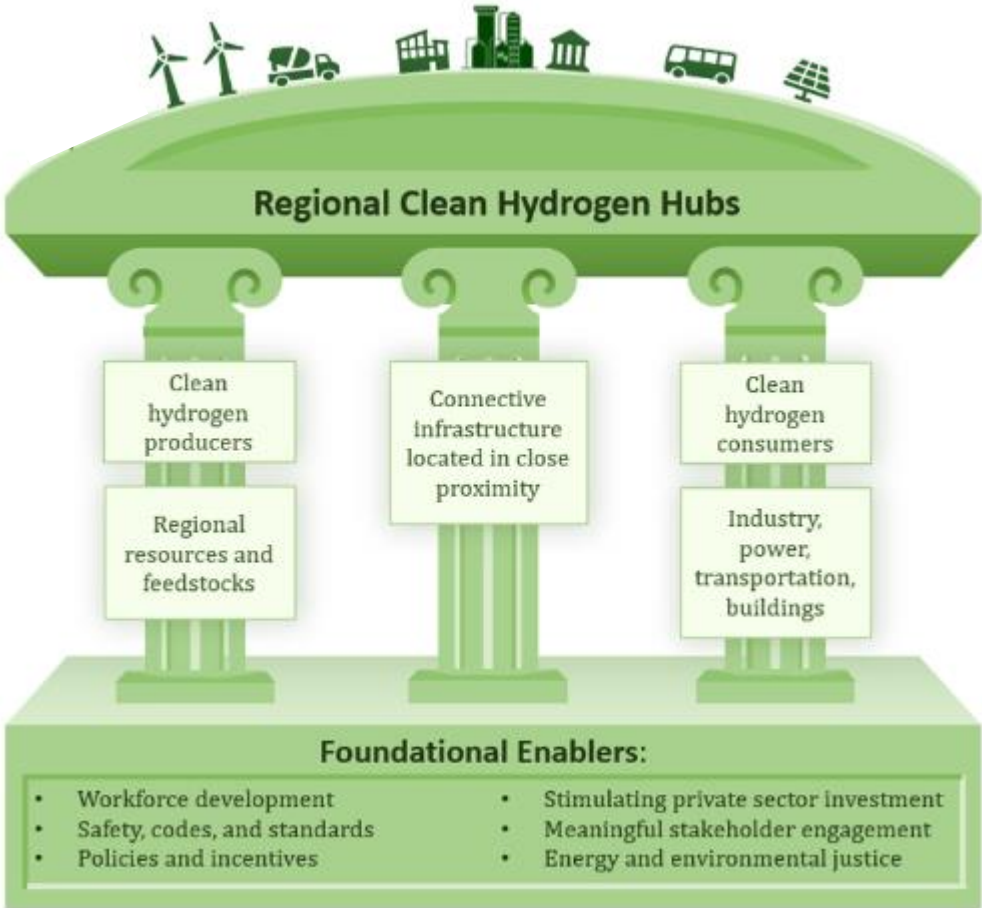
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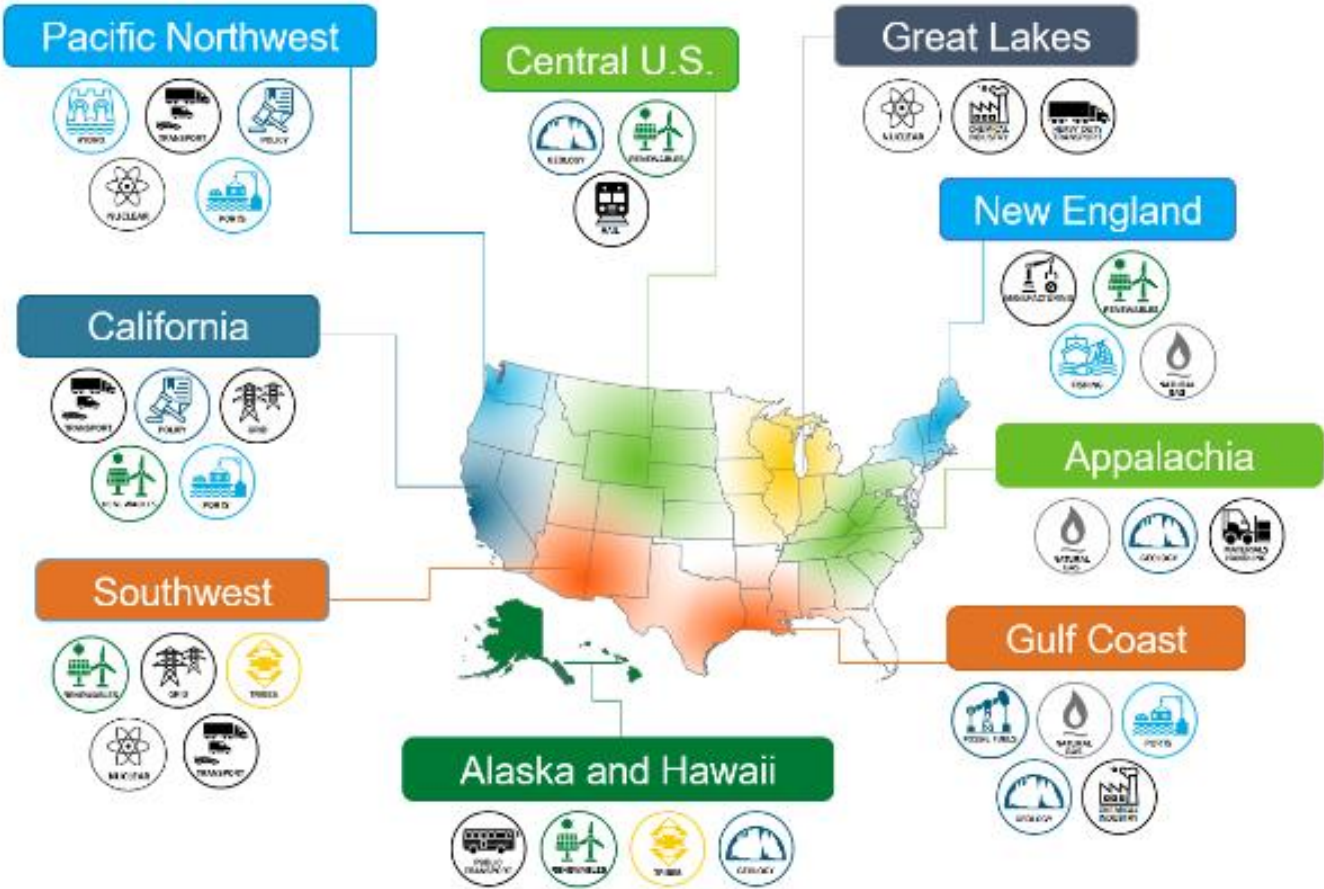
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Strategy 3: Focus on Regional Networks and Ramp up Scale

Build Regional Networks through “Clean Hydrogen Hubs”



Examples of Stakeholder and RFI Input



Seven Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Selected

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Clean H₂ Hubs Leveraging:

- Natural gas resources with carbon management;
- Renewable and nuclear power generation coupled with electrolysis
- Other regional resources supporting H₂ production, distribution, and end use



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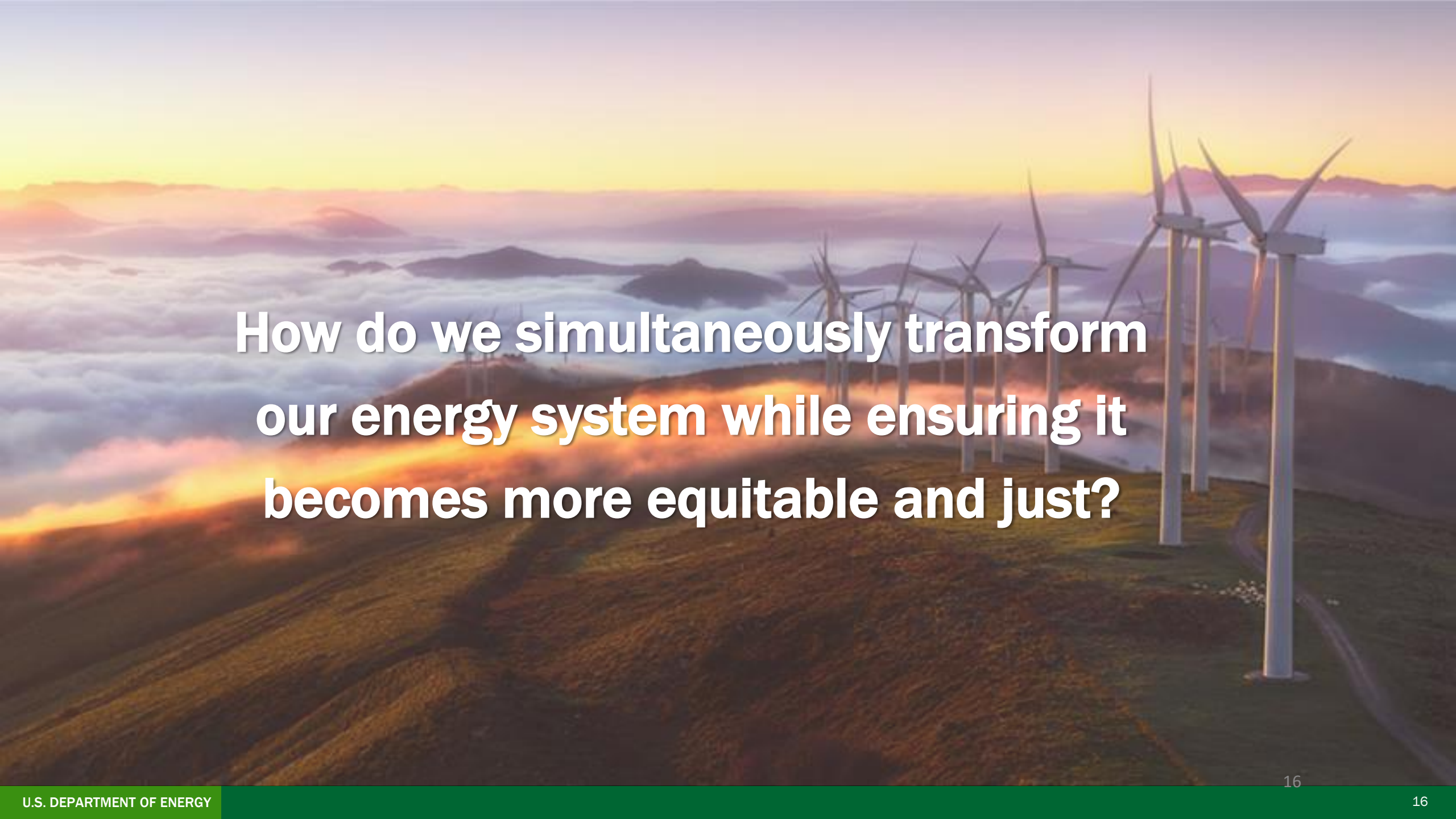
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A photograph of a wind farm on a grassy hill at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple, with a layer of clouds below the horizon. Several white wind turbines are visible, with the one in the foreground being the most prominent. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

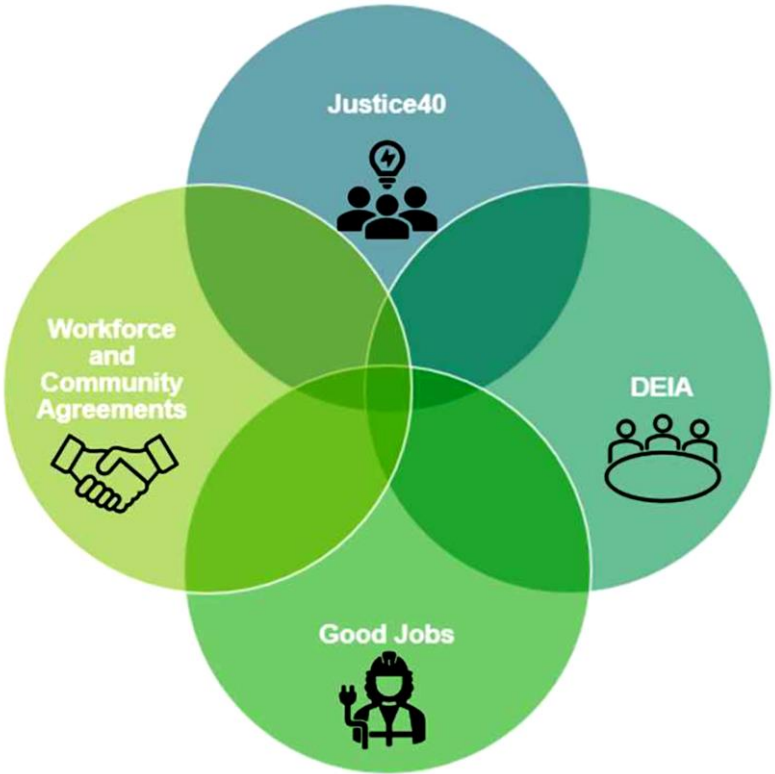
**How do we simultaneously transform
our energy system while ensuring it
becomes more equitable and just?**

Equity and Environmental Justice in the Hydrogen Office

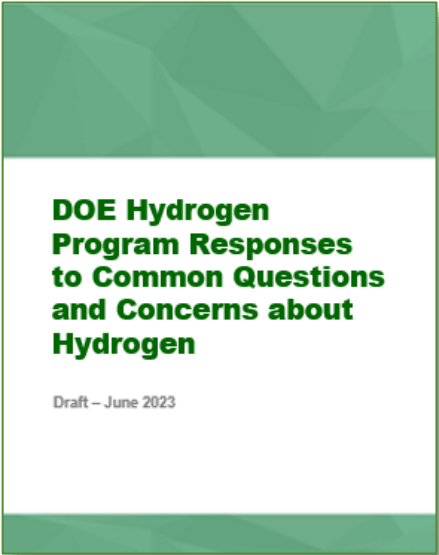
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Community Benefit Plans

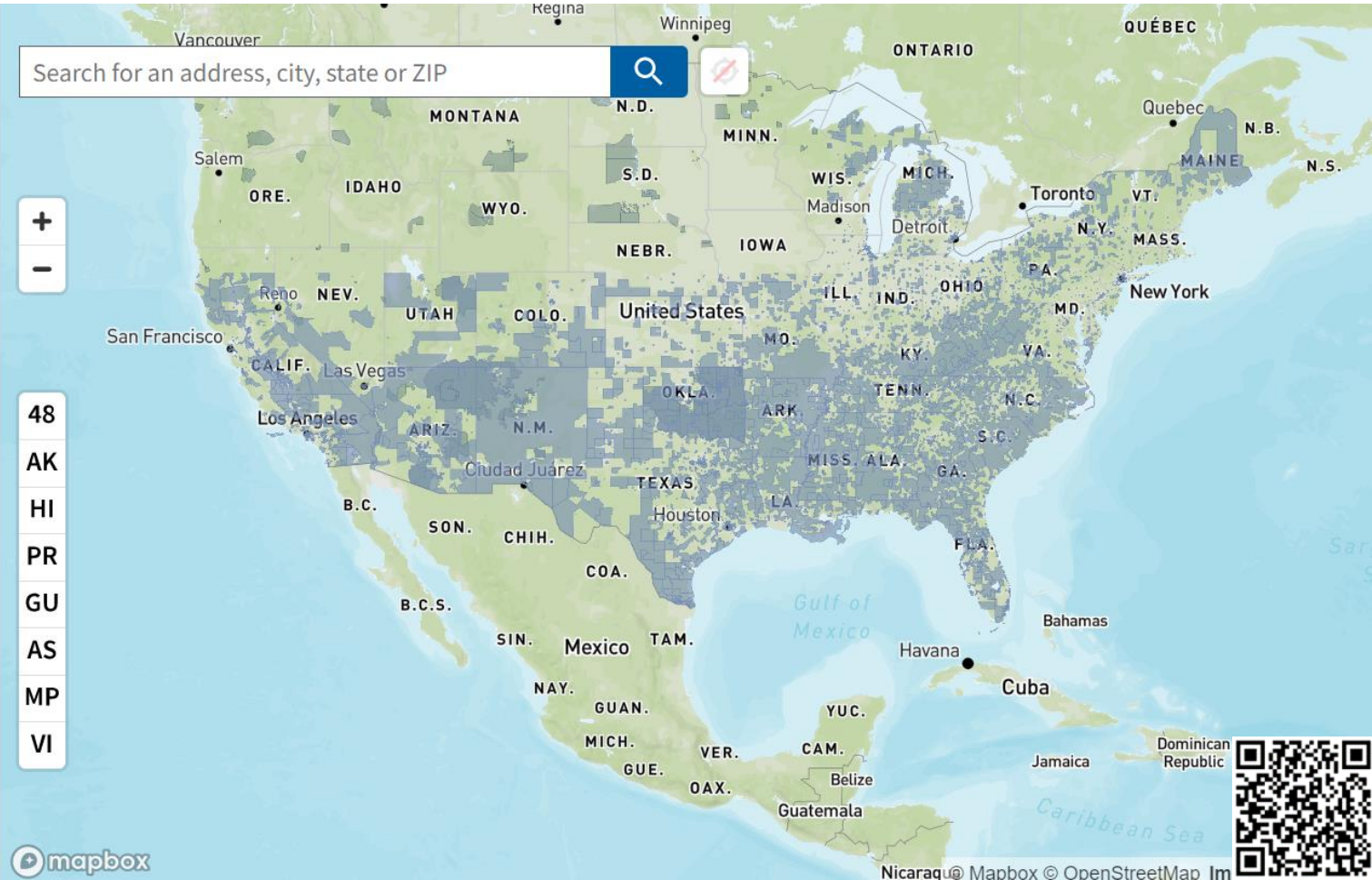


Resources



Justice 40 & Disadvantaged Communities

Distribution of census tracts identified as DACs



[Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](https://geoplatform.gov)

INDICATORS:

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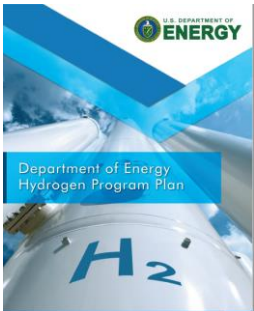
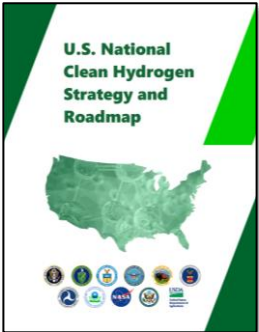
LEGACY POLLUTION

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved are highlighted as being **disadvantaged** on the map. Federally Recognized Tribes, including Alaska Native Villages, are also considered disadvantaged communities.

Resources and Opportunities for Engagement

Key Publications



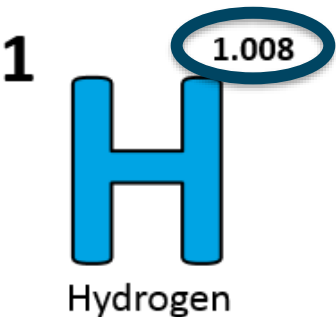
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