

# **Investing With LPO**

Institutional Investor Presentation





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# **Loan Programs Office By the Numbers**



- ✓ Equity investors that co-invested with LPO would have approached or exceeded their benchmarks
- ✓ Accelerated creation of massive new domestic markets, including
   \$600 Billion in U.S. solar & wind sectors; even larger for EVs
- ✓ LPO has **over \$300 Billion** in loan authority
- **♦ \$39 Billion** in loans & loans guarantees issued thus far
- ✓ LPO has **earned \$5.3 Billion** in interest & fees (versus \$1.0 B in losses)
- **✓** With **only 3.1%** in actual & estimated losses as % of disbursement

# FOR TAXPAYERS





## **FOR AMERICA**

- ✓ Projects financed have created 46,000 permanent jobs
- ✓ Projects have displaced 70 MT of greenhouse gas emissions
- ✓ Increase to over 250 staff to fulfill expanded mission
- ✓ Other catalytic benefits





# **Investing with LPO: Infrastructure Equity**



Had you invested in all LPO backed infra assets, you would have earned 10% IRR; Selecting top quartile assets would have earned 23% IRR

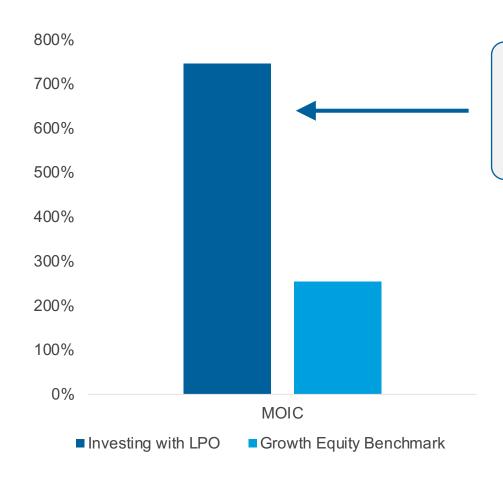
#### **Assumptions**

- "Invested with LPO" is the gross returns earned by the historical equity investor that invested at the time of the LPO loan or loan guarantee.
  - a) Unlevered IRR calculated using most recent year EBITDA and applying terminal value assumptions typical of 2022.
  - b) Solar PV terminal value equity IRR assumption = 7%
  - c) Wind terminal value equity IRR assumption = 8%
  - d) Other technology investments' terminal equity value IRR assumption = 10%
  - e) 75/25 leverage profile assumed.
  - f) FCF to equity derived from realized EBITDA assuming 3% cost of debt
  - g) For projects whose LPO loans were paid back prior to end of project life, terminal value assumptions based on final year EBITDA and estimated remaining useful project life.





# **Investing with LPO: Corporate Equity**



# Had you invested in all LPO backed companies, you would have significantly outperformed benchmark

#### **Assumptions**

- "Growth Equity Benchmark" drawn from Cambridge Associates US-only VC/PE fund data, median net TVPI 2003 – 2023
  - a) 20% GP carry applies above 1x return of capital + 20% MOIC of GP mgmt fees, to infer gross returns
- "Invested with LPO" is the gross MOIC earned by the historical equity investor that invested at the time of the LPO loan or loan guarantee
  - a) Equity portfolio derived from public markets where available
  - b) Portfolio weightings proportional to LPO debt commitments
  - c) Equity returns are from loan closing date to today
  - d) Equity returns are inclusive of dividends, splits, corporate actions where applicable





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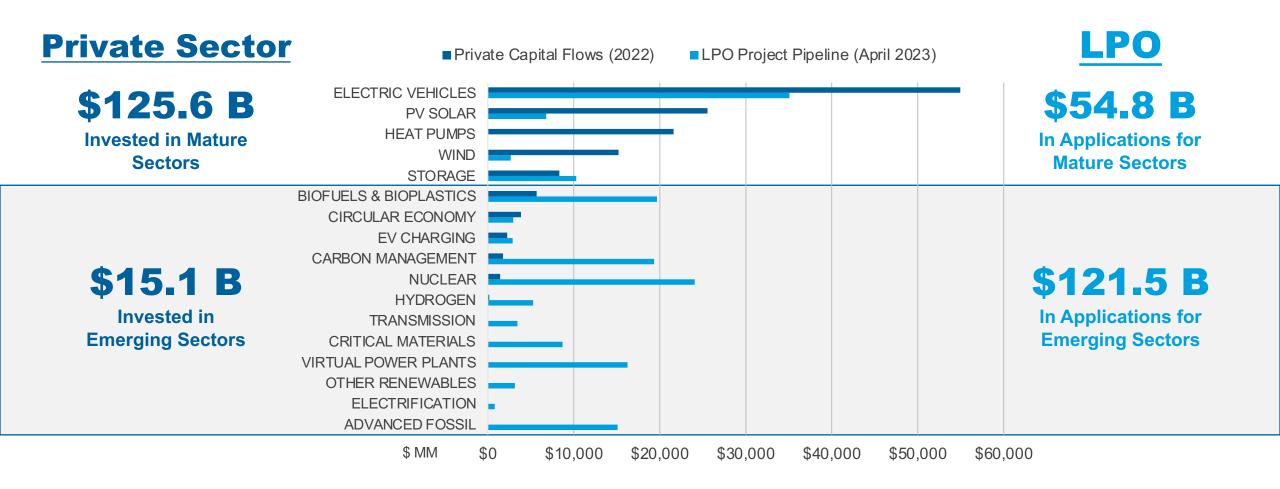


# **LPO Provides Unique Expertise That De-risks Energy Investments**





# ~\$30B of Debt in 2024 Will Require ~\$15B in Equity



Notes: 1. Private capital for EV mostly sales, LPO pipeline mostly manufacturing. LPO "Wind" category all offshore wind. Other Renewables category includes geothermal and hydropower. BNEF total capital rounds to \$141B 2. Total project value of LPO applications Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance (2022 deployment investment), LPO Monthly Activity report (total project costs tied to loan requests)





# An "All-of-Government" Approach to De-risk Investments







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# **The LPO Leadership Team**

Experienced investors, operators, and technologists that understand your needs

98 years
of combined
finance experience

124 years of combined energy experience

67
executive-level employees



Jigar Shah Director



**Bob Marcum Deputy Director** 



Chris Creed
Chief
Investment
Officer



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Phil Kangas
Director,
Outreach &
Business
Development



John Sholhead Director of Management & Operations



Becky Limmer General Counsel





# LPO Has A Repeatable Diligence Framework

LPO has a "Henry Ford" approach to diligence of unique "snowflakes"







# **LPO Equipped to Evaluate Wide Spectrum of Projects**

# Same breadth, different depth

# **Structural Guarantee**

Loan repayment is guaranteed by an IG corporate (or similar structures)

Shortest timeline, narrowest review scope

#### **CREDIT**

High level of financial protections in place

#### **Market Creation**

Project has strong financials but technology is less understood / less mature

Medium timelines and review scope

# **Market Catalyst**

Project is highly complex from both a financial and technology perspective

Longest timelines, highest depth of review

# **Market Scaling**

Project has strong financials and technology is more mature

Shorter timelines, narrower review scope

## **Market Expansion**

Project has more uncertainty of repayment ability, but technology is well understood

Medium timelines and review scope

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Underlying technology and its execution is well understood





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# **Complementary Team-Based Approach to Underwriting**

- ✓ Includes technical engineers, lawyers, portfolio managers
- ✓ Independent risk officers are embedded

**Deal Teams** 

3 Lines of

**Defense** 

(3LOD)

Working Groups

- √ Cross-functional
- ✓ Focused on technologies to share best practices
   & build institutional knowledge

# Standard bank risk management framework

- ✓ Originations: Front-line that leads the transaction teams
- ✓ Risk Management: Independent risk function that reviews transactions
- ✓ Enterprise Risk Management: Internal audit function ensuring compliance with policies and procedures

"One LPO"
Culture

√ "One LPO" is a whole-office approach to risk

LPO'S DILIGENCE APPROACH & CULTURE





# **LPO's Investment Process**

Repeatable investment process, customized by archetype, for all deals

#### **STEP 1:**

Eligibility & Qualitative Determination

#### **STEP 2:**

Quantitative Assessment & Structuring

### **STEP 3:**

**Due Diligence** 

#### **STEP 4:**

Risk Affirmation

### **STEP 5:**

Conditional Commitment

#### STEP 6:

Financial Close & Monitoring

- ✓ LPO Outreach & Technical Divisions
- ✓ Determine loan program & sector
- ✓ Technical confirms tech eligibility

- ✓ LPO Origination Division
- ✓ Credit RiskOfficer assigned
- ✓ Team & consultants assembled
- ✓ Risk assessment

- ✓ Consultants Engaged
- **✓** Structuring
- √ Risk Clearance

- ✓ Internal DOE
- ✓ Interagency Consultation
- ✓ DOE Secretary Approval
- ✓ Conditional commitment issued & announced publicly
- ✓ Affirmation conditions have been met
- ✓ PMD monitors and actively manages





# **Standard Diligence: External Technical Analysis**

# **Diligence Includes:**

### 1. Project Construction & Execution

- a) Site assessment
- b) Benchmarking
- c) Management

### **Advisors Retained Include:**

- DNV
- ICF
- Luminate
- Lummus
- Nexant
- Parsons
- S&L





# **World-Class Technical Diligence Capability**

# **LPO Technical Diligence Capability**

- In-house technical staff of 30 engineers and scientists
- Independent Engineers are engaged to provide 3rd party opinions
- For innovative projects, LPO leverages
  - U.S. National Labs
  - DOE resources (e.g. Geothermal Office, Hydrogen & Fuel Cells Office)
- Impact: World-class technical diligence

### **Impact**

 This capability enables LPO to both conduct high-quality technical diligence, as well as structure reserves, performance triggers, and other loan protections to protect taxpayer interests.











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# 17 National Laboratories with 20,000 Scientists & Engineers

These are the labs that invented the atomic bomb, mapped the human genome, pioneered supercomputing, among many other "firsts".





# Standard Diligence: Market Risk Analysis

# **Diligence Includes:**

### 1. Production Inputs

- a) Demand/supply forecasts
- b) Industry cost curves
- c) Project market position

### 2. Production Outputs

- a) Offtake agreement
- b) Market price forecasts
- c) Substitution risk

### **Advisors Retained Include:**

- Argus
- Bain
- Berkeley Research
- Deloitte
- FTI
- Guidehouse
- ICF
- IHS Global
- McKinsey
- Power Advisory





# **Standard Diligence: Credit Analysis**

# **Diligence Includes:**

### 1. Financial Analysis

- a) Credit analysis on sponsor/project
- b) Risk mitigation
- c) Sponsor model validation
- d) Lender model with stress cases

### 2. Key Counterparties

- a) EPC
- b) O&M
- c) Major equipment

### **Advisors Retained Include:**

- Bain
- Deloitte
- Delphos
- GPFAC
- FTI
- Greengate
- Guidehouse
- ICS
- McKinsey
- NERA





# **Standard Diligence: Legal Analysis**

# **Diligence Includes:**

- 1. Key project contracts
  - a) Commercial terms
  - b) Defaults, remedies and termination
  - c) Dispute resolution
- 2. Ownership structure & governance
- 3. Regulatory regime & permitting risk
- 4. Real estate & environmental
- 5. Pending litigation

### **Advisors Retained Include:**

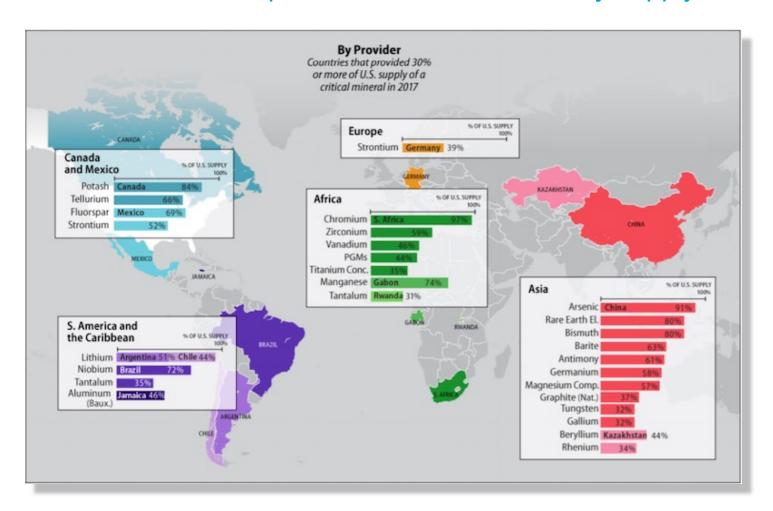
- Allen & Overy
- Amis Patel Brewer
- Baker Botts
- Clifford Chance
- Mintz Levin
- Nixon Peabody
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Shearman & Sterling
- Skadden
- Sullivan & Cromwell
- White & Case





# **Standard Diligence: Country Risk Assessments**

LPO consults State Department & DFC on country supply chain risks for critical materials







Source: Congressional Research Services





# A Permanent Staff of Portfolio Managers

LPO portfolio managers service staff service loans across Administrations



# Case Study #1: Geothermal / Neil Hot Springs

- ✓ **Problem:** Construction delays, cost overruns, and potential heat source degradation
- ✓ Action: Construction plan revision, additional equity requirement
- ✓ **Result:** Project routinely exceeds 2.0x DSCR; borrower has prepaid part of its loan



# **Case Study #2: One Nevada Transmission (ON-line)**

- ✓ Problem: Innovative design results in vibrations, crack during high winds
- ✓ Action: Required external engineering assessment, sponsor retrofit with helical strakes to modify wind patterns
- Result: Project exceeds revenue projections, plans to expand the line





# **Transformative LPO Investments: Tesla Factory**

### **Project Summary**

In January 2010, the Department of Energy issued a **\$465 million loan** to Tesla Motors to build a manufacturing facility for the then-new Model S

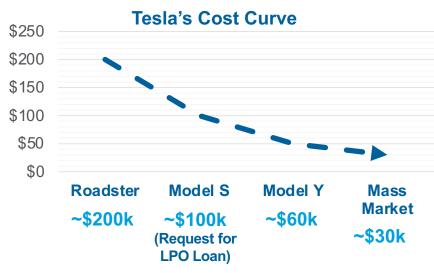
### **Key Risks Underwritten**

- Ability to manufacture at scale a new model at a significantly lower cost point
- Market potential in a challenging post-GFC auto market

### **Impact**

- For the borrower:
  - Helped Tesla to cross the "valley of death" as they successfully brought their technology down the cost curve
  - "I would like to thank the Department of Energy...and particularly the American taxpayer from whom these funds originate. I hope we did you proud." Elon Musk, 2013
- For the U.S.:
  - Taxpayer-funded loan was repaid early, and in full
  - Supported the creation of the first major US automaker in 70 years
  - Helped to launch the EV as a viable product category
  - · Built lynchpin for ecosystem and know-how for EV manufacturing









# **Transformative LPO Investments: Desert Sunlight**

### **Project Summary**

In September 2011, the Department of Energy issued \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees to finance Desert Sunlight, a 550-MW photovoltaic (PV) solar generation plant, which reached full commercial operations in January 2015. Desert Sunlight is one of the largest PV solar plants in the world.

### **Key Risks Underwritten**

- Reliability and degradation profile for novel CdTe technology
- Cadmium leeching into the environment
- Solar resource availability
- Scalability of technology (in 2010, 242 MW of utility-scale PV was installed nationally)

### **Impact**

- For the borrower
  - Enabled construction of the world's largest utility-scale solar farm, eventually sold to Warren Buffett's BHE
- For the U.S.:
  - Demonstrated the viability of large utility-scale solar
  - Validation of the First Solar product (CdTe technology). First Solar is now the last publicly listed U.S. solar panel manufacturer
  - Loan performing, despite a 2015 tornado that destroyed 170,000 panels







# **Transformative LPO Investments: Delta ACES I**

### **Project Summary**

In June 2022, the Department of Energy issued a **\$504 million loan guarantee** to finance a clean hydrogen and energy storage facility comprised of 220 megawatts of alkaline electrolysis with two massive 4.5 million barrel salt caverns.

### **Key Risks Underwritten**

- Subsurface risks: Storage capacity and withdrawal rate
- Project management: First-of-a-kind storage + clean hydrogen, serving as feedstock for a hybrid CCGT
- Electrolyzer performance and degradation
- Water resource availability

### **Impact**

- For the loan applicant:
  - Enabled construction of an innovative first-of-a-kind project
  - Sets up further development of further ACES projects nearby
- For the U.S.:
  - Early signal of technical and financial viability of a hydrogen hub, ahead of future developments



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# Stay in touch with LPO!



Learn more about LPO and all of its financing programs at: Energy.gov/LPO

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# **New Technologies Need Investor Momentum**

Confidence in future capital builds ecosystems that scale down cost curves



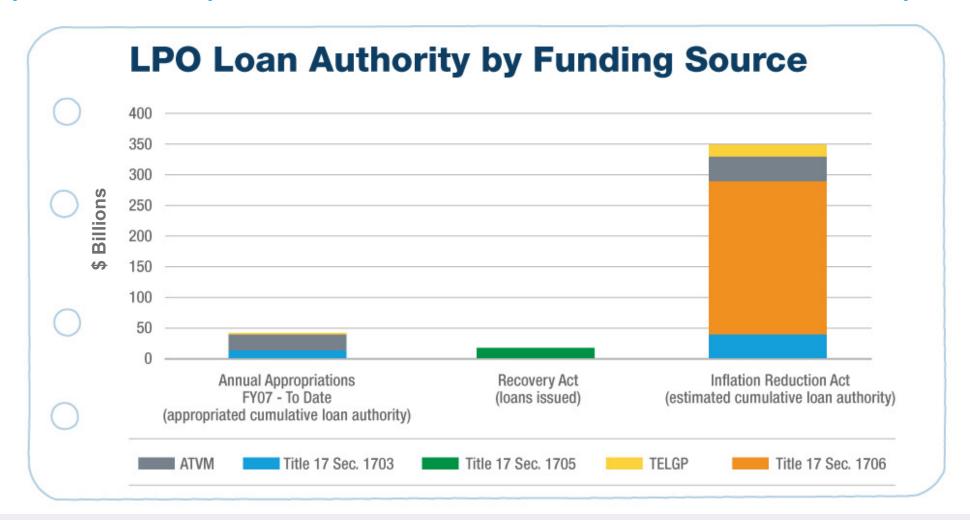




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# **BIL & IRA Have Given LPO a Renewed Mandate**

Today's loan authority can ensure sufficient investor momentum to build ecosystems







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# **IRA Improves Economics Across Clean Energy Techs**

# But for newer technologies, technical diligence emerges as a key open question

Technology	New IRA Support	Sample Technical Risks	
Biomass	SAF Tax Credit, Clean Fuel PTC	Conversion Efficiency, Thermal Events	
Carbon Sequestration	Carbon Sequestration Tax Credit (45Q)	Capture Permanence	
Clean Hydrogen	Hydrogen PTC (45V), Carbon Sequestration Tax Credit (45Q), DOE Hydrogen Hubs	Electrolyzer Type, Hourly Matching	
Clean Vehicles	Clean Vehicle Credit (30D), Commercial Clean Vehicles (45W)	Battery Chemistry, Degradation, Thermal Events	
Energy Storage	Standalone ITC (48)	Battery Chemistry, Degradation, Thermal Events	
Nuclear	Investment Tax Credit, Production Tax Credit	Safety, Design Innovation	

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance





# In Parallel With Both Grants and Tax Credits

Focused on triggering a tsunami of private sector financing for commercial deployment of emerging clean energy technologies before the end of the decade.

#### **Manufacturing Tax Credit (48C)**

Tax credit allocation: \$10 billion

#### **Hydrogen Hubs**

Federal funding: \$8 billion

#### **Carbon Management**

Federal funding: \$7 billion

#### **Industrial Decarbonization**

Federal funding: \$6.3 billion

#### **Critical Minerals & Batteries**

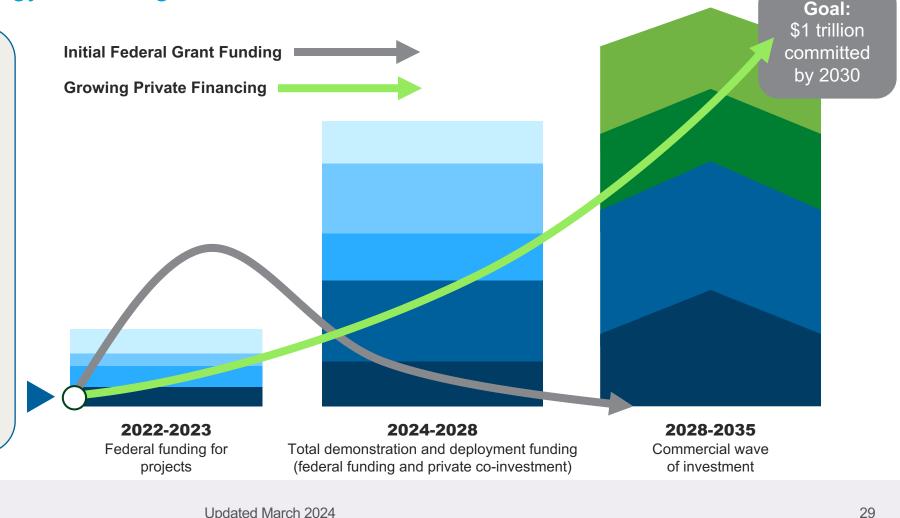
Federal funding: \$6 billion

#### **Transmission Facilitation Program**

Federal funding: \$2.5 billion

#### **Automotive Supply Chain Modernization**

Federal funding: \$2 billion





# **The Private Capital Multiplier**

Additional private capital follows LPO investment, validating LPO's rigorous diligence



LPO de-risked utility-scale solar and wind assets with early landmark investments. The private sector responded to this de-risking by "crowding in" 200% to 2000% additional capital into these assets. These two industries alone now employ 90,000 Americans today.

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, SEIA 2020 jobs census, Statista





# **Building Consensus in Uncharted Waters**

DOE has aggregated private sector consensus for six technologies in "Liftoff" reports

**TECHNOLOGY** 

Example private sector-identified hurdles to achieving commercial "Liftoff"

**ADVANCED NUCLEAR** 



**Commercial stalemate between potential customers & industrial base** 

CARBON MANAGEMENT



Lack of common-use transport & storage infrastructure

**CLEAN HYDROGEN** 



**Shortage of long-term offtake** 

INDUSTRIAL DECARBONIZATION



Overreliance on a small portfolio of technologies with relatively low ARLs

LONG DURATION ENERGY STORAGE



~50% reduction in capex needed to compete with Li-ion & hydrogen

VIRTUAL POWER PLANTS



Low confidence from utilities based on market complexity & fragmentation





# \$4B In Net Cash Inflows For Taxpayers

LPO has a strong track record of making sound investments, a significant accomplishment in the context of its mission to advance America's economic future

LPO Portfolio Performance Summary as of June 30, 2023				
Loan and Loan Guarantees Issued	\$38.76 billion			
Conditional Commitments	\$17.27 billion			
Amount Disbursed	\$33.20 billion			
Principal Repaid	\$14.17 billion			
Interest Paid*	\$4.74 billion			
Actual and Estimated Losses	\$1.03 billion			
Actual and Estimated Losses as % of Total Disbursement	3.1%			





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# The Next Generation of LPO Financing

LPO is working with stakeholders across innovative clean energy & advanced transportation sectors

















### **Advanced Vehicles & Components**

• Vehicles • Components • Lightweighting • Manufacturing • Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery Manufacturing • Electrification •

#### **Clean Energy Supply Chain**

 Solar Manufacturing Supply Chain •

#### **Clean Fuels** & Products

· Advanced Biofuels · Biodiesel · Cellulosic Biofuels • Renewable Diesel • Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) • Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) • Waste Conversion •

#### Critical **Materials**

 Extraction • Manufacturing • Mining • Processing • Recovery • Recycling •

### **EV Charging**

• Deployment • Manufacturing •

#### **Hydrogen**

• Generation • Infrastructure • Transportation •

#### **Offshore** Wind

• Offshore Wind Generation • Offshore Wind Supply Chain & Vessels •

#### Renewables **Deployment**

· Geothermal · Hydrokinetics · Hydropower • Repowering Onshore Wind • Other Renewables Deployment •



#### **Storage**

• EV Bidirectional Storage • Newer Battery Chemistries & Flow Batteries • Compressed Air Energy Storage • Pumped Storage Hydropower • Thermal Energy Storage •



#### **Transmission**

· Grid Efficiency · Grid Reliability · High-Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Systems • Offshore Wind Transmission Systems Sited Along Rail & Highway Routes •



#### Virtual **Power Plants**

 Connected Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) •



#### **Advanced** Fossil

 Carbon Feedstock Waste Conversion • Fossil Infrastructure Repurposing & Reinvestment • Hybrid Generation • Hydrogen Generated From Fossil Sources • Synfuel •



### Carbon Management

 Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) · Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) · Direct Air Capture (DAC) • Industrial Decarbonization • CO<sub>2</sub> Transportation Infrastructure •



### **Advanced Nuclear**

 Advanced Nuclear Reactors Micro Reactors • Nuclear Fuel Cycle • Nuclear Supply Chain • Nuclear Uprates & Upgrades • Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) .



### **Tribal Energy**

• Energy Development Projects • Energy Storage • Fossil Energy • Microgrids • Renewable Energy • Transmission Infrastructure • Transportation of Fuels •

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# **Early, Transformative Investments Across Sectors**

# LPO's Project Portfolio: Active, Repaid & Discontinued Loans & Loan Guarantees (1 of 2)

Project	LPO Tech Sector	Loan Amount (\$ MM)	Loan Status
VOGTLE	Advanced Nuclear	\$ 11,500	Active
FISKER	Advanced Vehicles & Components	\$ 192	Discontinued
FORD		\$ 5,900	Repaid
NISSAN		\$ 1,450	Repaid
TESLA		\$ 465	Repaid
ULTIUM CELLS		\$ 2,500	Active
VPG		\$ 50	Discontinued
SOLYNDRA	Clean Energy Supply Chain	\$ 535	Discontinued
ABENGOA BIOENERGY	Clean Fuels & Products	\$ 132	Repaid
SYRAH VIDALIA	Critical Materials	\$ 102	Active
ADVANCED CLEAN ENERGY STORAGE	Hydrogen	\$ 504	Active
CRESCENT DUNES	Renewables Deployment (Concentrating Solar Power)	\$ 737	Discontinued
GENESIS		\$ 852	Repaid
IVANPAH		\$ 1,600	Active
MOJAVE		\$ 1,200	Active
SOLANA		\$ 1,450	Active



# **Early, Transformative Investments Across Sectors**

# LPO's Project Portfolio: Active, Repaid & Discontinued Loans & Loan Guarantees (2 of 2)

Project	LPO Tech Sector	Loan Amount (\$ MM)	Loan Status
BLUE MOUNTAIN		\$ 98	Repaid
ORMAT NEVADA	Renewables Deployment (Geothermal)	\$ 350	Active
USG OREGON		\$ 97	Active
GRANITE RELIABLE	Renewables Deployment (Onshore Wind)	\$ 169	Repaid
KAHUKU		\$ 117	Repaid
RECORD HILL		\$ 102	Active
SHEPHERDS FLAT		\$ 1,300	Active
ABOUND SOLAR	Renewables Deployment (Utility-Scale PV Solar)	\$ 400	Discontinued
AGUA CALIENTE		\$ 967	Active
ALAMOSA		\$ 91	Discontinued
ANTELOPE VALLEY SOLAR RANCH		\$ 646	Active
CALIFORNIA VALLEY SOLAR RANCH		\$ 1,200	Active
DESERT SUNLIGHT		\$ 1,500	Active
MESQUITE 1		\$ 337	Active
STEPHENTOWN SPINDLE	Storage	\$ 25	Discontinued
ONE NEVADA LINE	Transmission	\$ 343	Active
HESTIA	Virtual Power Plants	\$ 3,000	Active

