



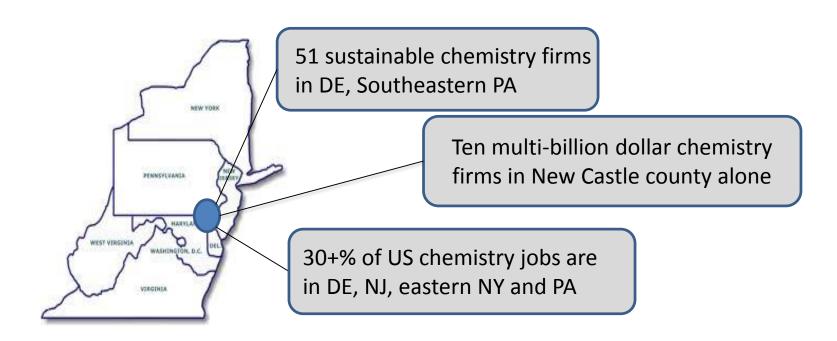
Sustainable Chemistry Alliance

Founded in 2010 with the mission to enable early-stage technologies to connect and grow within a globally recognized center of excellence which

- Builds upon strong existing foundation of chemistry, materials, and renewable technology in the region
- > Attracts multi-institutional grants and strategic partnerships
- Fosters a robust pipeline of technology platforms that lead to sustainable products and processes, create new jobs, and provides economic stimulus in the region
- Coordinates a state of the art infrastructure that becomes a global focal point for excellence



Regional Ecosystem



- Over 50 related graduate programs within 75 miles
- > 78 direct companies with 15+ employees
- One of the world's highest concentrations of domain experts



Partnering Organizations & Supporters





























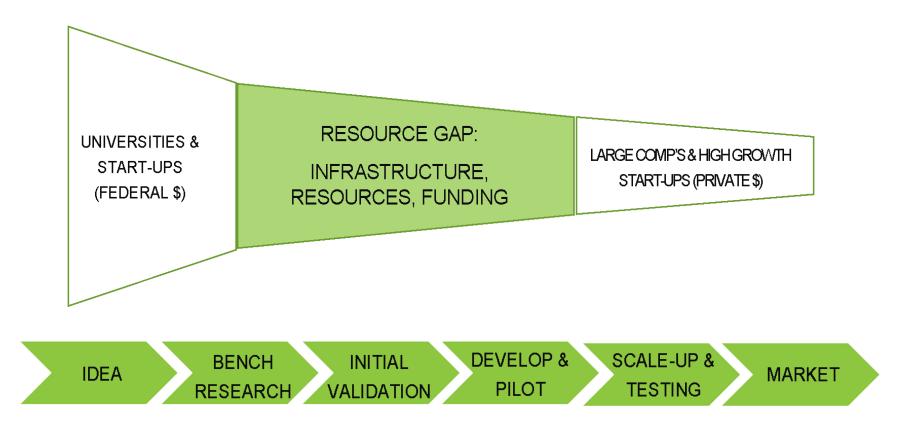








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- Must integrate into complex value chains
- Long and costly development cycles
- High capital requirements for first commercial deployment, which...
- Competes against highly optimized, fully depreciated, still functional assets, which leads to...
- Leapfrogging technology situations



Our Solution: 121

Innovation to Invoice Engagement:

- Lunch & Learns
- Networking Events
- Domain Experts
- TechConnect Workshops
- Annual Investor Showcase







Needs of Innovators

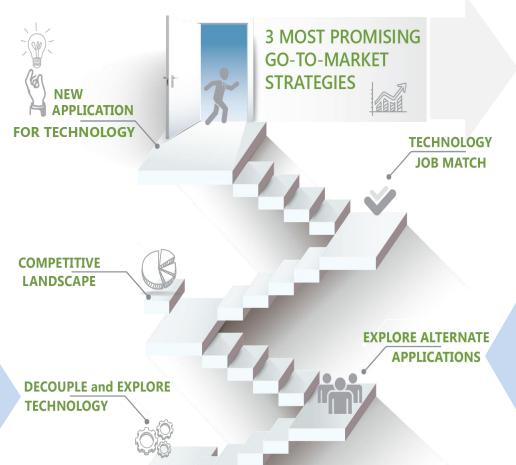
Besides money, lab space, and general business startup services, innovators need:

- ➤ A basic understanding of the long and iterative process of commercialization
- ➤ Expert knowledge of product development, engineering, value propositions, and companies in the value chain
- ➤ Ability to select from a larger number of possible applications which can **get them to positive cash flow fast!!**



TechConnect

Structured Process for Capital Intensive Innovation



Integrates well into i-Corp, Build4Scale, SB vouchers, etc.

Past:

\$Bn markets that fell victim to the challenges described

Today:

Accessible markets that justify the scale of investment and still de-risk the \$Bn opportunities



121 Overview

STEP ONE: Explore the Technology

- Decouple technology from initial application and explore.
- What does the core technology do/ can't do?
- How might these aspects be a strength or weakness?



- Consider industries, context and applications.
- What do people and/or organizations need done?
- In each case, is this a PAIN or a GAIN?

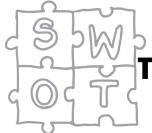


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STEP THREE: Competitive Landscape

- What competitors or alternatives exist for each application?
- Is your technology a drop-in replacement?
- Which needs are unmet?



STEP FOUR: Technology Job Match

- What are the benefits offered by this technology in each application?
- Does the technology perform better or worse than the competitor?
- What are the unique advantages?



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STEP FIVE: New Application for Technology

- How does technology add value to the end user?
- What are the barriers to adoptions?
- What other constraints apply between you and launch?





Investor Showcase

Inaugural Participants



















>\$25M investment raised, >\$5M in government grants awarded, >3 strategic partnerships secured (e.g., Shell, GE, FHR, etc.), two successful exits and >3 commercial licenses



Pay For Economic Success

An innovative funding mechanism introduced in Delaware:

- Addresses the early-stage funding gap by incentivizing capital investment from a variety of sources
- ➤ Removes investment from the State, tax dollars are <u>NOT</u> used and are <u>NOT</u> at risk
- Pays out after jobs are created and success has been measured
- Enables the market to make the investment choices for promising technologies





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