

Gen-1 Ethanol Opportunities: Improving Lifecycle GHG Benefits of Existing Biofuel Production

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DOE/EERE Guiding Principles

Our Mission

Accelerate the research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) of innovative technologies that will transition Americans to a 100% clean energy economy no later than 2050 and ensure the clean energy economy benefits all Americans.

Investment strategies to achieve our Mission

EERE Program Priorities

- 100% Decarbonized electricity by 2035
- Rapidly decarbonize transportation across all modes
- Rapidly decarbonize energy intensive and high GHG industries
- Rapidly reduce the carbon footprint of buildings
- Provide the energy and water pathways to enable a net-zero agricultural sector

How we will insure the greatest impact

Ensure impacts benefit all Americans through key priorities:

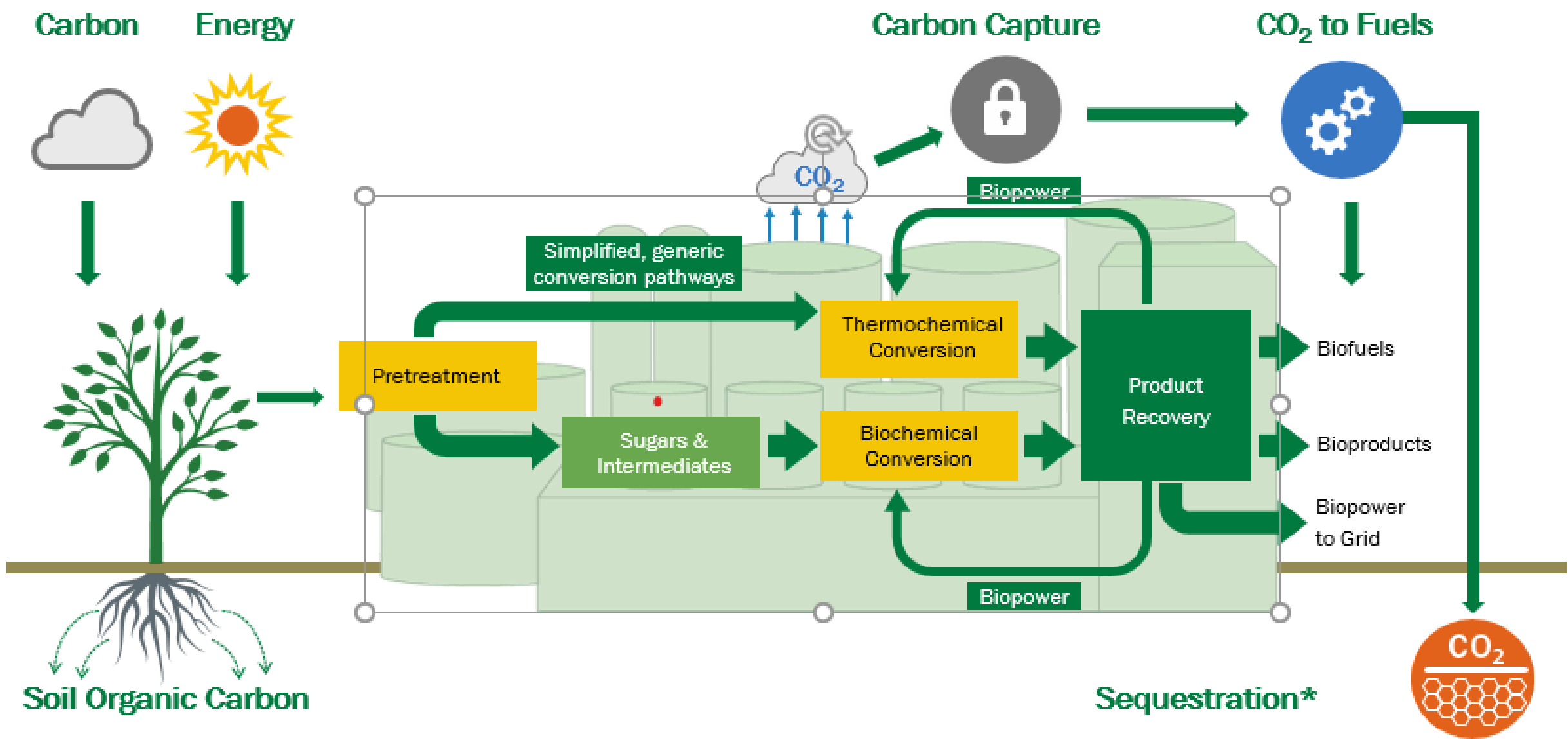
- Environmental Justice and Equity
- Diversity in STEM
- Workforce Development
- State and Local Partnerships

Prioritize deployment for greatest impact: Deployment Activities



**BETO develops
groundbreaking technologies
to produce fuels and products
from renewable sources of
biomass and wastes**

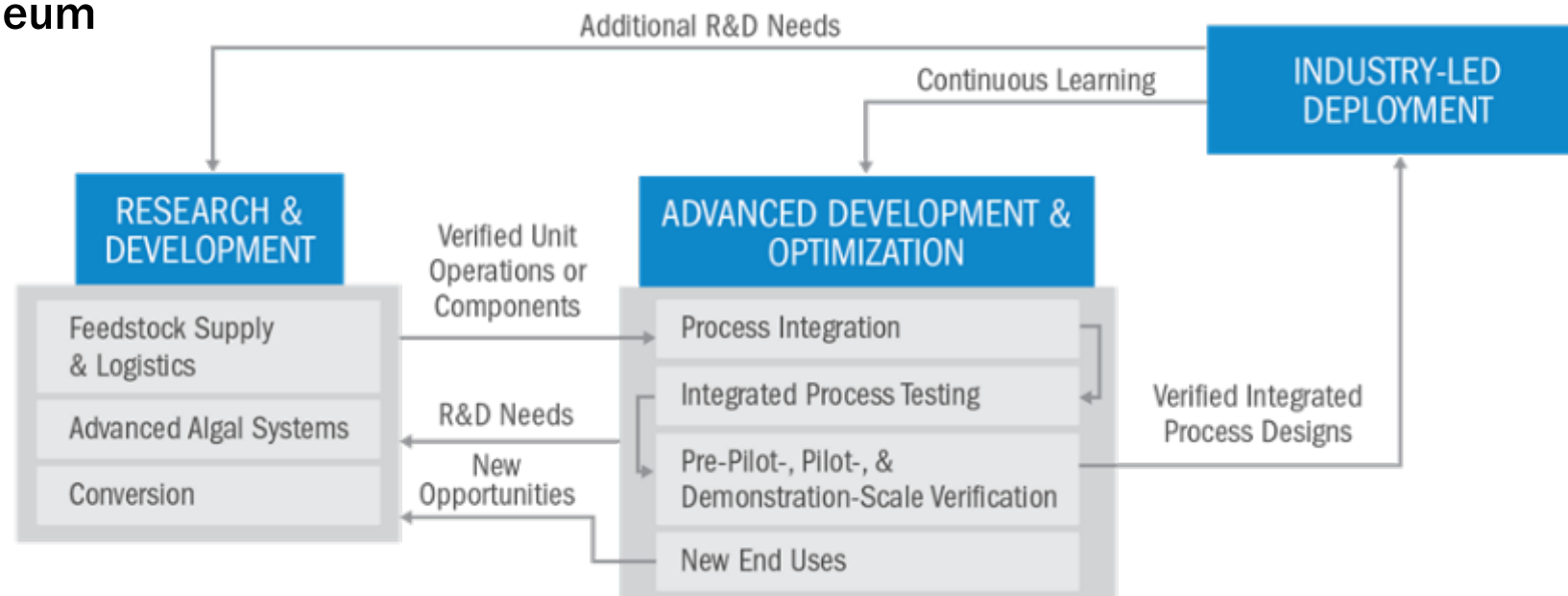
Pathways to Fuels, Bioenergy, and Bioproducts



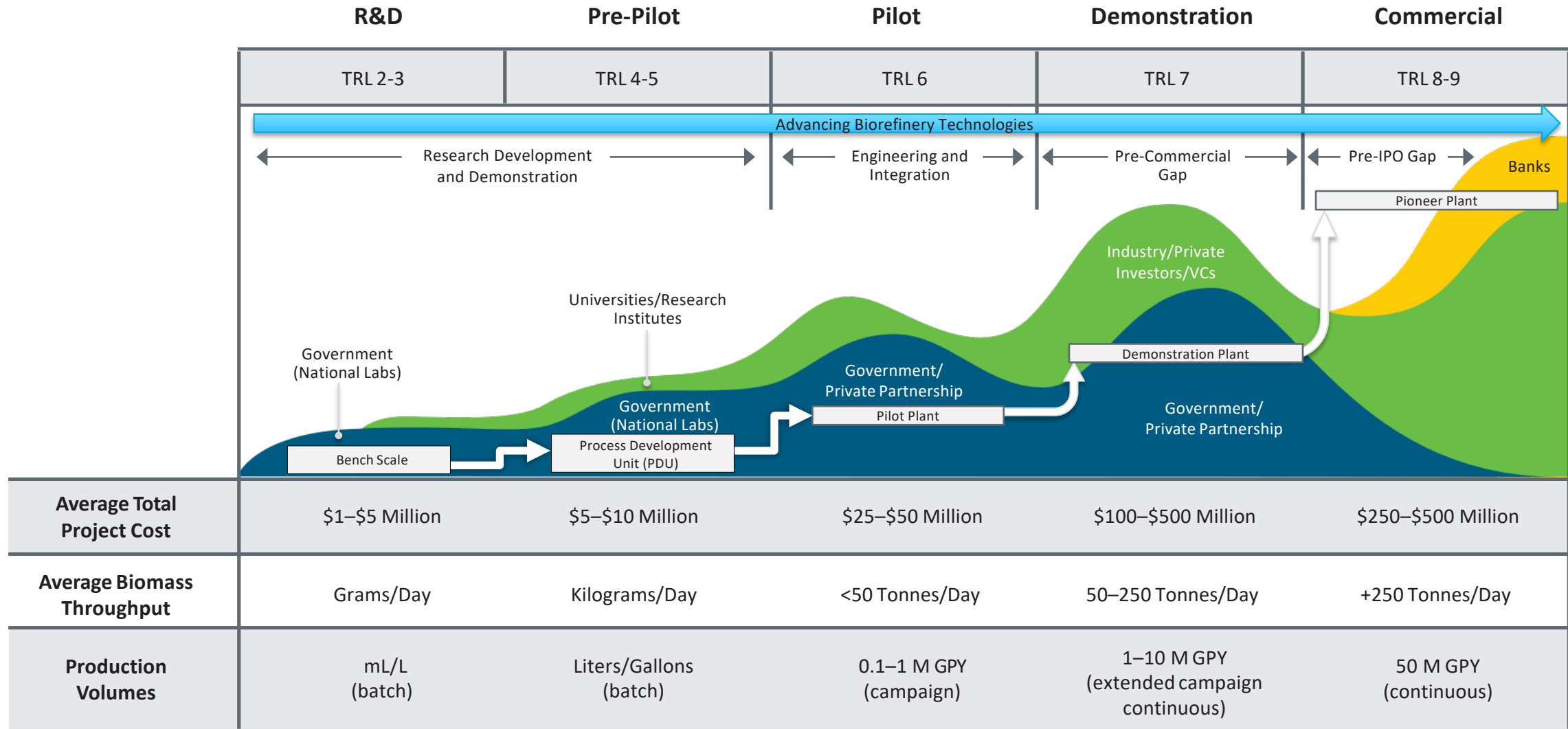
* Office of Fossil Energy R&D on technologies of relevance to bioenergy industry.

BETO Demonstration Goals

- **Systems Development and Integration Strategic Goal**
 - To develop and test bioenergy production technologies through verified proof of performance in pre-pilot, pilot, and demonstration scale systems in relevant environments to enable and catalyze commercial deployment.
- **Executes Final Step in BETO Goal:**
 - By 2030, build and operate 4-5 Demonstration-scale integrated biorefineries with a focus on sustainable aviation fuels capable of >70% improvement in GHG emissions profile vs. Petroleum



BETO Strategy from R&D through Pioneer Refinery to Commercialization



● Government
 ● Project Recipients and Partners
 ● Banks/Bonds/Institutional Investors

Elements of Scale-up Approach

- **Funding opportunities for pre-pilot, pilot, and demonstration scale projects**
 - Annual opportunity for new applications starting in FY 2021
- **Allow a variety of feedstocks**
 - Traditional cellulosic feedstocks
 - MSW, CO₂, CO, flue gas, and biogas
 - Corn starch and oilseeds
- **Allow bioproduct opportunities to enable biofuels development**
- **Leveraging existing industrial infrastructure supply chains, and resources**
 - 1st Generation ethanol, pulp and paper, petroleum refineries
- **Encourage predictive models and high-performance computing to lower risk and accelerate scale-up**

Workshop Introduction

Here is what we at BETO know:

- The existing U.S. ethanol industry has sufficient existing capacity to produce 17.6 Billion gallons and reduce GHG emissions by approximately 50 million metric tons per year versus petroleum, approximately 2% of total U.S. transportation emissions.
- As recently as 2019, the 214 U.S. ethanol plants supported 68,600 jobs —many in rural areas.
- Existing technologies and agricultural practices have the potential to make significant improvements in the reduction of lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) of fuel ethanol from approximately 40% - 71.6% as compared to petroleum baseline

Here is what we need to know from all of you:

- What technology is the industry already utilizing to keep GHG emissions low
- Of this existing technology, where is there room for improvement
- Where are the gaps? What are areas for which technology still needs to be developed from the ground up
- Includes all aspect of the corn to ethanol chain. Modeling and Feasibility Studies, Farming, Harvesting, Transportation, Feed Prep, Conversion, Upgrading, Waste, etc.
- Where and how can the government best serve the industry

Workshop High Level Agenda

- 9am MT (**11am ET**) Morning Plenary
- 10am MT (**12pm ET**) Morning Breakout Session: Technology Focused
- 12:15pm MT (**2:15pm ET**) Lunch Break
- 12:45pm MT (**2:45pm ET**) Afternoon Plenary
- 1:00pm MT (**3:00pm ET**) Afternoon Breakout Session: Data and Analysis Focused
- 1:55pm MT (**3:55pm ET**) Closing Remarks
- 2:00pm MT (**4:00pm ET**) Adjourn

Speaker Introductions

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Questions

- Please type your question in the Chat box and we will try and get to as many as we can with the time remaining.
- After the presentation, we will take any additional questions if we have time.
- Keep yourself muted, and camera off unless you are asking a question.



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