

## TRANSITIONING BACK TO ABPDU AOP

# **Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts Process Development Unit (ABPDU) Operations, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)**

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# Impact

## Helping Companies Grow



What do you like?

- “Great resource to bridge the gap between academia and commercial scale. Unique in the industry.”
- “Well stocked with supplies, motivated and enthusiastic ABPDU team which also provides helpful ideas and insight.”
- Openness to novel approaches and new ideas
- “The professionalism”

What is not working for you?

- “Scheduling is not as flexible or fast as other CDMO's - sometimes as a startup this is a very valuable thing for a CDMO to offer”

What changes are needed?

- “Working with Commercial Scale Manufacturers to translate start up success at ABPDU to commercial production faster.”

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The key barriers that ABPDU addresses from BETO MYPP:

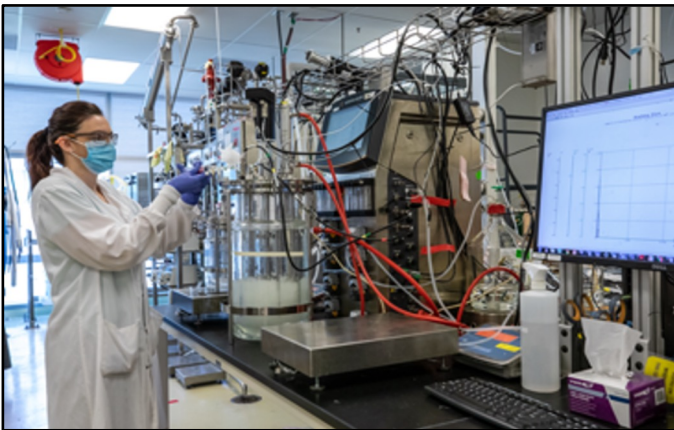
- Integration and testing of component technology elements
- Developing multiple technology pathways and products
- Developing higher value fuels and products
- Intensifying process designs
- Molecular efficient biorefineries
- Developing cost effective conversion technologies
- Increasing feedstock value - increasing types and quantities of biomass and waste streams



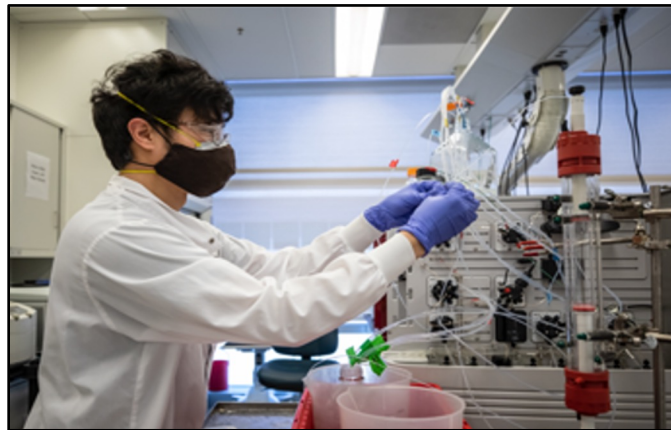
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and enzyme recovery



Scale-up to 10L bioreactor  
and enzyme purification



Scale-up to 300L bioreactor  
for cell-free catalysis

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**Other Funding Agencies:** DoD, State of California, and several other funding agencies are valuing ABPDU's contribution in this space.

# Quad Chart Overview (AOP Project)

## Timeline

- 10/01/2021
- 10/01/2024

FY22

Active Project

## DOE Funding

3.0 Million (FY22)  
3.0 Million (FY23)

## Project Partners\*

- No Partners

## Barriers addressed

Utilizing existing infrastructure as much as possible.

Enabling private industry in commercially deploying technologies.

Balancing between technologies with significant nearer-term impact via SPP projects and those with longer-term potential for biofuels and bioproducts via CRADAs and AOP projects.

## Project Goal

The ABPDU was authorized and commissioned to act as a shared community resource to provide process optimization, prototyping, development, and piloting and scale-up services to the biofuels and bioproducts community including industry, academia and the National Labs. Onboarding new gas fermentation capabilities and intensifying conversion of gaseous feedstocks will enable rapid prototyping and accelerate time to market for novel gas conversions while minimizing redundant private sector capital investment.

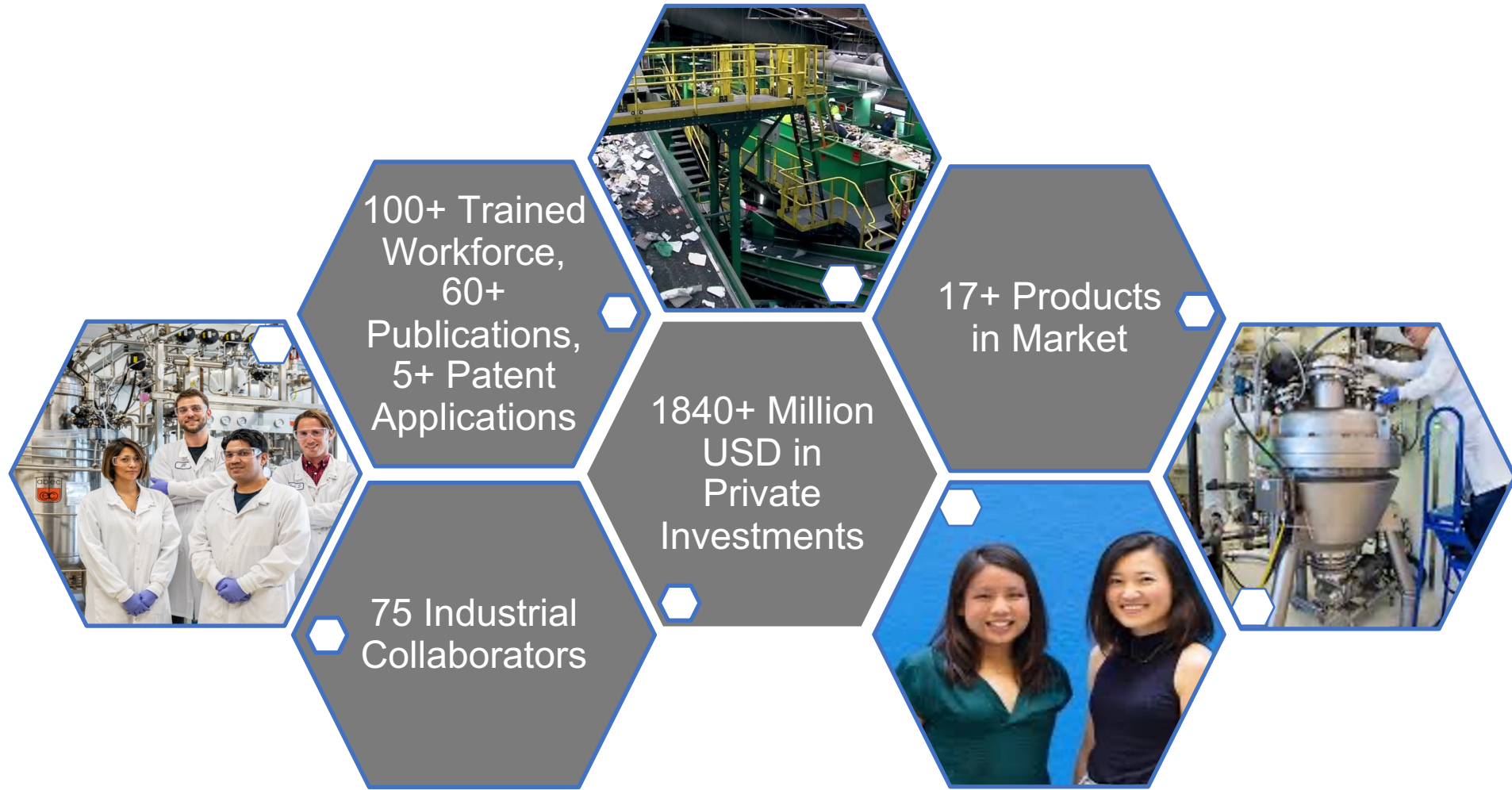
## End of Project Milestone

- Purchase and install at least two new equipment per previous industry requests annually.
- Demonstrate hydrogen and methane conversion in 500mL pressurized fermenters to achieve >10g/L dry cell weight. Publish best practices for safe and effective scale-up and scale-down of aerobic gas fermentations
- Apply images and subpopulations' data from flow cytometry to AI models for detection of unanticipated events
- Publish four newsletters and conduct four safety workshops annually.
- Train at least four SULI, CCI, GEM interns/ students annually.
- Document at least one commercialization effort of a technology in BETO Conversion mission space annually.

## Funding Mechanism:

AOP Project (Direct-Funded Lab Project); CPS Agreement Number: 22407; WBS#: 2.6.1.101





49M ABPDU Funding-to-Date

(\$17.7M ARRA funds and \$31M BETO AOP)

# Additional Slides

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### Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments

- **The lessons learned on these projects do not appear to have a home within BETO.**  
Between the technical tasks and our participation in consortia, we are sharing as many lessons learned as possible. Based on our interactions with industry, we are in a good position to identify industry-wide issues that no one company is incentivized to solve. We leverage this knowledge to inform BETO AOPs and consortia research programs, generating IP which will benefit the entire industry. We are also preparing youtube videos of safe equipment operation to share knowledge publicly (Slide #19). Through the Masters in Bioprocess Engineering Program at UC Berkeley, ABPDU shares much of our know-how in the lab classes. These alumni often join companies that further BETO's mission, e.g. Zymochem, Visolis, Lanzatech, etc. (Slide #24)
- **While word of mouth appears to be more than sufficient for advertising, additional effort should be made to reach out to industry and look to identify additional opportunities.**  
We now have a strategic approach with website, newsletters, and social media presence along with content development in the form of case studies, alumni profiles, video training materials, etc. We present at many conferences and engage in National Academies' workshops, etc. to meet potential collaborators proactively. Please see slide #13.
- **The process in determining what new equipment is purchased by the PDU was not discussed. There is a risk not mentioned in the presentation that the equipment at the PDU will not be of interest to industry**  
All our equipment purchases are based on the feedback we received during industry listening day. We not only operated, but continue to develop the off-the-shelf equipment into capabilities with industry-aligned objectives. Please see #29 and #32 for more details.

# Additional Slides

## Publications, Patents, Presentations, Awards, and Commercialization

FY21

### Publications

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