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## Abstract

For the past several years, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) have provided technical assistance to the recipients of Department of Energy (DOE) -funded voucher programs, namely American-Made Challenges (AMC), the Incubator Program, and the Small Business Vouchers Program. Drawing on lessons learned and from first-hand experiences, NREL and SNL are co-leading a new holistic and streamlined voucher program aimed at strengthening ties between American innovators and the national labs. This new program, "Vouchers to Enable Laboratory and Organizational Collaboration for Innovation and Technology Improvements," or VELOCITI, will leverage the successful elements of past programs, create administrative efficiencies, and enable the buildout of a national program to drive strong relationships between entrepreneurs and the national labs to accelerate the roll-out of new technologies in the US solar sector.

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