**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS FACTS**
Innovation, entrepreneurship, and initiative

- **23 million** small businesses
- **99%** of all employers
- **1/2** of all private sector jobs

*Source: Council on Small Business*

**POWERING THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY**
Technical vouchers are available in 9 specific R&D areas:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- BioEnergy
- Buildings
- Fuel Cells
- Geothermal
- Solar
- Vehicles
- Water
- Wind

**NATIONAL LABORATORIES**
Small Business Vouchers (SBV) connect private sector needs with corresponding laboratory science and technology capabilities.

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Must be a U.S. for-profit business with no more than 500 full-time-equivalent employees worldwide
- Must be U.S.-based and U.S.-owned
- Must apply during open period

**STEPS FOR SUCCESS**
U.S. small businesses:
1. Confirm that they meet eligibility requirements
2. Develop innovative research ideas
3. Register at www.sbv.org
4. Electronically submit request for assistance

**DOE evaluates requests and determines awards**
SBV conducts merit review
SBV finalizes voucher agreements
Approved
Begin voucher work

**Up to $12M in vouchers from the national laboratories**
**Up to $50K-$300K per small business**
Each small business must provide 20% matching funds or in-kind services

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