

# **NY-REFC<sup>3</sup>**

<u>NY</u> – <u>Renewable Energy and</u> <u>Fuel Cell Commercialization Center</u>

An open-source facility for academic and industrial communities

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<u>History</u>: Commercial building in Brighton, NY leased and used by GM and then Delphi for Fuel Cell development, prototyping and testing for more than 20 years.

<u>Present</u>: Delphi is vacating the building, creating an opportunity to repurpose the existing test lab infrastructure.

<u>Vision</u>: A cost-effective, open-source lab space for commercialization work, academic research, and vocational training in three areas:

#### 1. Fuel Cell

- stack performance and durability testing
- component testing: reformers, heat exchangers, air/fuel metering, emission control, etc.
- 2. Renewable Energy System integration with renewables, storage, and distributed generation technologies.
- 3. Qualified Facility to demonstrate the export of renewable and hydrogen energy to the grid (when it adds value).



### Delphi's Leased Test Facility 285 Metro Park in Brighton, NY



Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road



### **VISION – Open Source Site**

Offices / Classroom / **EV/PHEV V2G Fuel Cell and Hybrid Battery Storage Meeting Space** Interface ` **Generator Systems Farm** Farm **Solar Thermal Solar PV Fuel Cell Stack and Component Test Labs Thermal Storage Farm** 



### NY- REFC<sup>3</sup> – Potential Stakeholders

### WNY Start-up Companies & Interest Groups

- AMERICAN FUEL CELL
- MICRO-ERA POWER
- SOLID CELL
- The Standard Hydrogen Corporation

## USA fuel cell, battery, solar PV companies & interest groups

- BLOOM ENERGY
- DELPHI
- FUEL CELL ENERGY
- GENERAL ELECTRIC
- LG FUEL CELLS
- NEXCERIS
- OHIO FUEL CELL COALITION
- REDOX POWER
- SAFCell
- St GOBAIN

### NY- REFC<sup>3</sup> – Path Forward

- AHEAD Energy to identify stakeholders and prepare a Proposal
- Work with Property Owner, Delphi, and DOE to transfer or donate building, infrastructure, test equipment, supplies, and furnishings
- Solicit Support of "Rochester Area Colleges" to join initiative
- Secure NYS and Monroe County R&D and economic development support with \$2 million retooling of center for open source use.
- Firm up Participation of WNY Start-up Companies, for example:
  - AMERICAN FUEL CELL MICRO-ERA POWER THE STANDARD HYDROGEN CORP.
  - SOLID CELL
- Promote services to other fuel cell, battery, solar PV companies in USA
  - REDOX POWER St GOBAIN FUEL CELL ENERGY
  - GENERAL ELECTRIC BLOOM ENERGY DELPHI
  - LG FUEL CELLS NEXCERIS SAFCell



#### **CALL TO ACTION**

- SCHEDULE A SITE VISIT for your interested cohort / stakeholders
  - Ellie Rusling, AHEAD Energy Board Member
  - emr@merrillrusling.com / 585-749-2716, mobile
- TIME-SENSITIVE Identify Stakeholders; Engage in Conversation; Generate a proposal by end of March 2016
- SHARE THE PLIGHT with individuals or organizations who may value & support preserving this resource as an Open Source Lab
- ENVISION & SUPPORT ROCHESTER continuing as a leader of Technology and Clean Energy development



### AHEAD Energy\* 501(c)(3)

PREMISE: ACCESS to energy is a key factor in economic development Not for Profit formed at the University of Rochester in 1988

- **PHASE 1** Help Mozambique develop natural gas infrastructure.
- PHASE 2 Support projects in Uganda,
  Ghana, Mozambique, Kenya renewable
  energy for schools, orphanages, clinics:
  - Photovoltaic
  - Wind Turbine
  - Bio-digester
  - Small-Scale Hydroelectric







- PHASE 3 (current): Promote Climate Friendly Energy Systems:
- Promote Hybrid Power Systems at UNFCCC (Renewable + Storage + Clean Fossil)
- Assist in demonstration/testing/validation of Low Cost/Low Carbon systems
- Support research, education, vocational training and technical exchange





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