

## Battery Recycling Prize Overview and Update

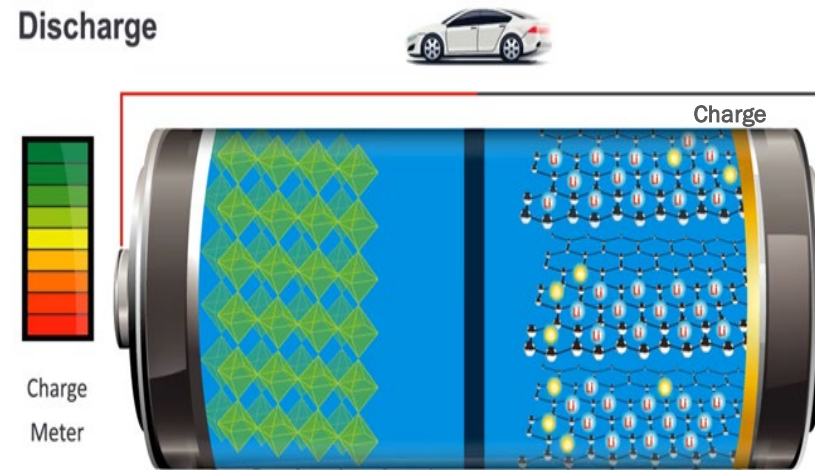
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# DOE Strategic Objective for Electric Vehicle Battery Storage

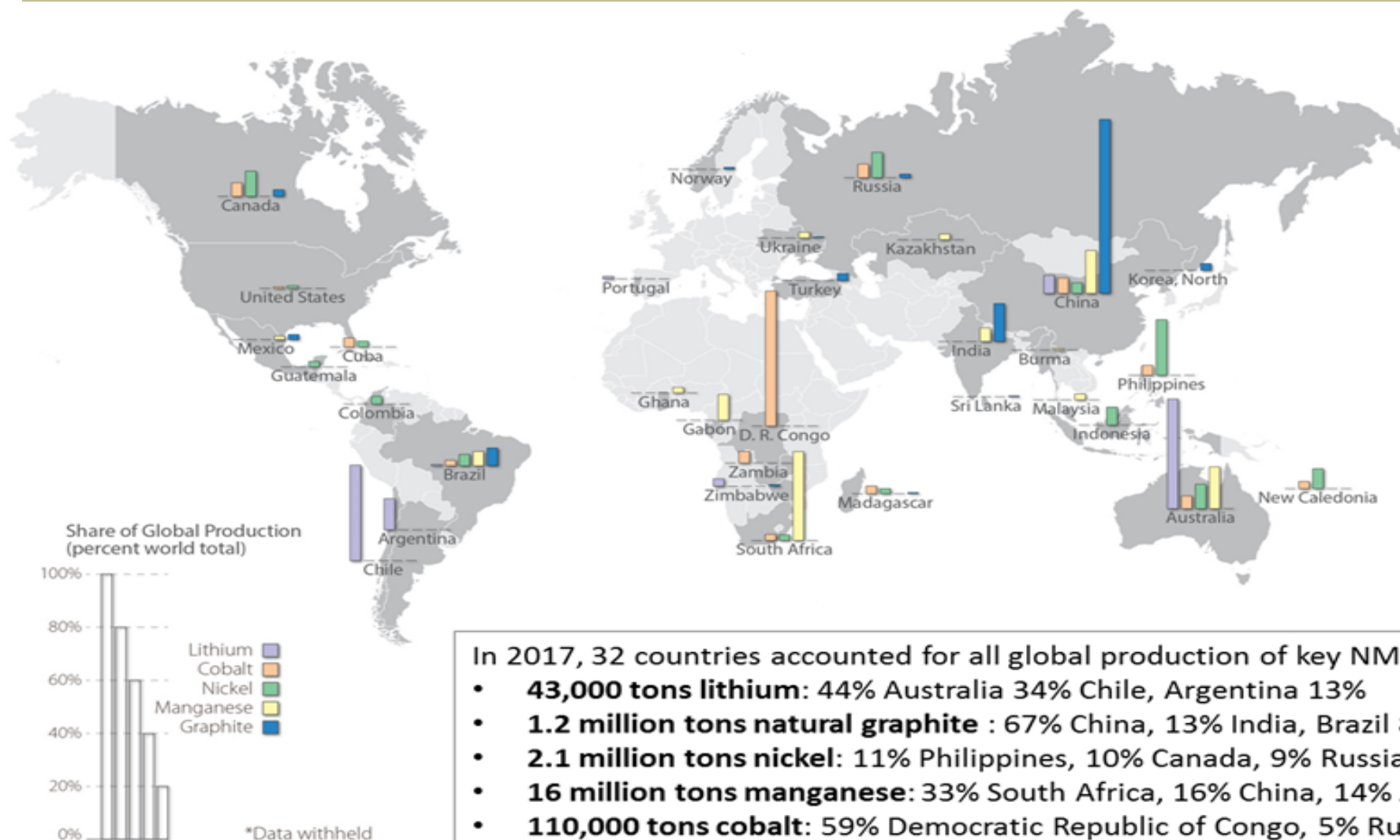
By September 30, 2022, reduce the cost of electric vehicle battery packs to less than \$150/kWh with technologies that significantly **reduce or eliminate the dependency on critical materials (such as cobalt)** and **utilize recycled material feedstocks.**



DOE R&D Focus is on materials innovations, cell level electrochemical optimization, improving sustainability, and reducing battery cost

# Lithium Ion Battery Critical Raw Materials – Current Production



In 2017, 32 countries accounted for all global production of Li, Co, Ni, Mn and Graphite, with 50% of production of each element originating in one or two countries.



In 2017, 32 countries accounted for all global production of key NMC materials

- **43,000 tons lithium:** 44% Australia 34% Chile, Argentina 13%
- **1.2 million tons natural graphite :** 67% China, 13% India, Brazil 8%
- **2.1 million tons nickel:** 11% Philippines, 10% Canada, 9% Russia, 9% Australia
- **16 million tons manganese:** 33% South Africa, 16% China, 14% Australia
- **110,000 tons cobalt:** 59% Democratic Republic of Congo, 5% Russia, 5% Australia

# Mining vs Recycling/Recovery

	Natural Resources	Spent Batteries	
One ton of battery-grade cobalt can come from:	 <b>300 TONS</b> OF ORE	 <b>5-15 TONS</b> OF SPENT LITHIUM- ION BATTERIES	
One ton of battery-grade lithium can come from:	 <b>250 TONS</b> OF ORE	 <b>750 TONS</b> BRINE	 <b>28 TONS</b> OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

## Other benefits of Recycling

- Less dependence on foreign sources
- Material supply chain stability
- Domestic job creation
- Lower battery costs

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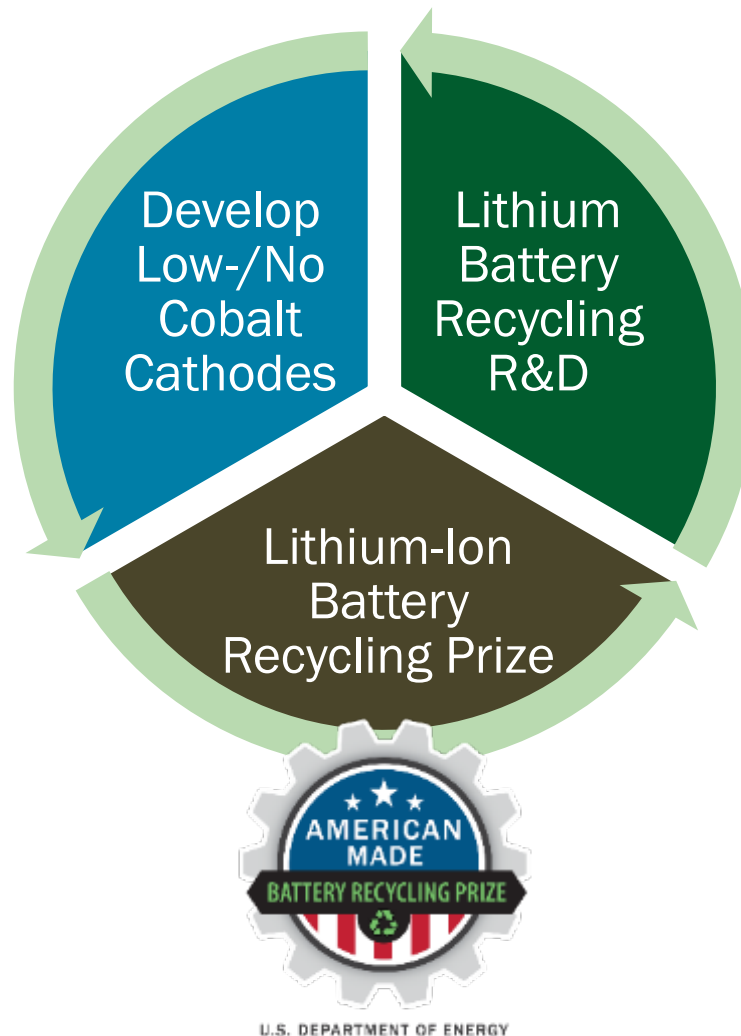
# VTO Strategy to Mitigate Potential EV Battery Critical Material Impacts

Low or No Cobalt  
Cathode R&D

Over \$44M of R&D  
over three years



Based on: 100 kWh battery pack  
and NMC622 cathode

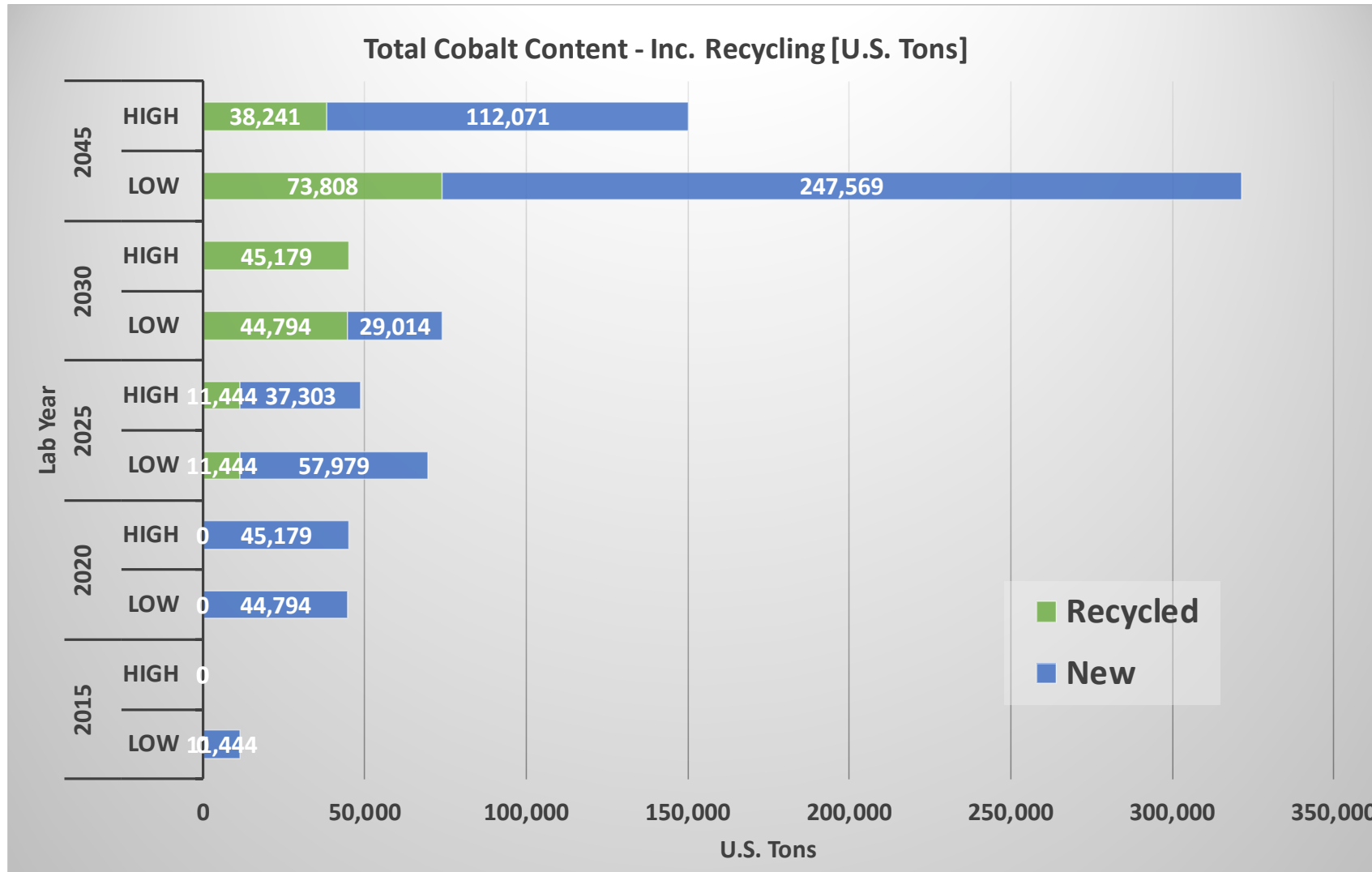


ReCell  
ADVANCED  
BATTERY RECYCLING

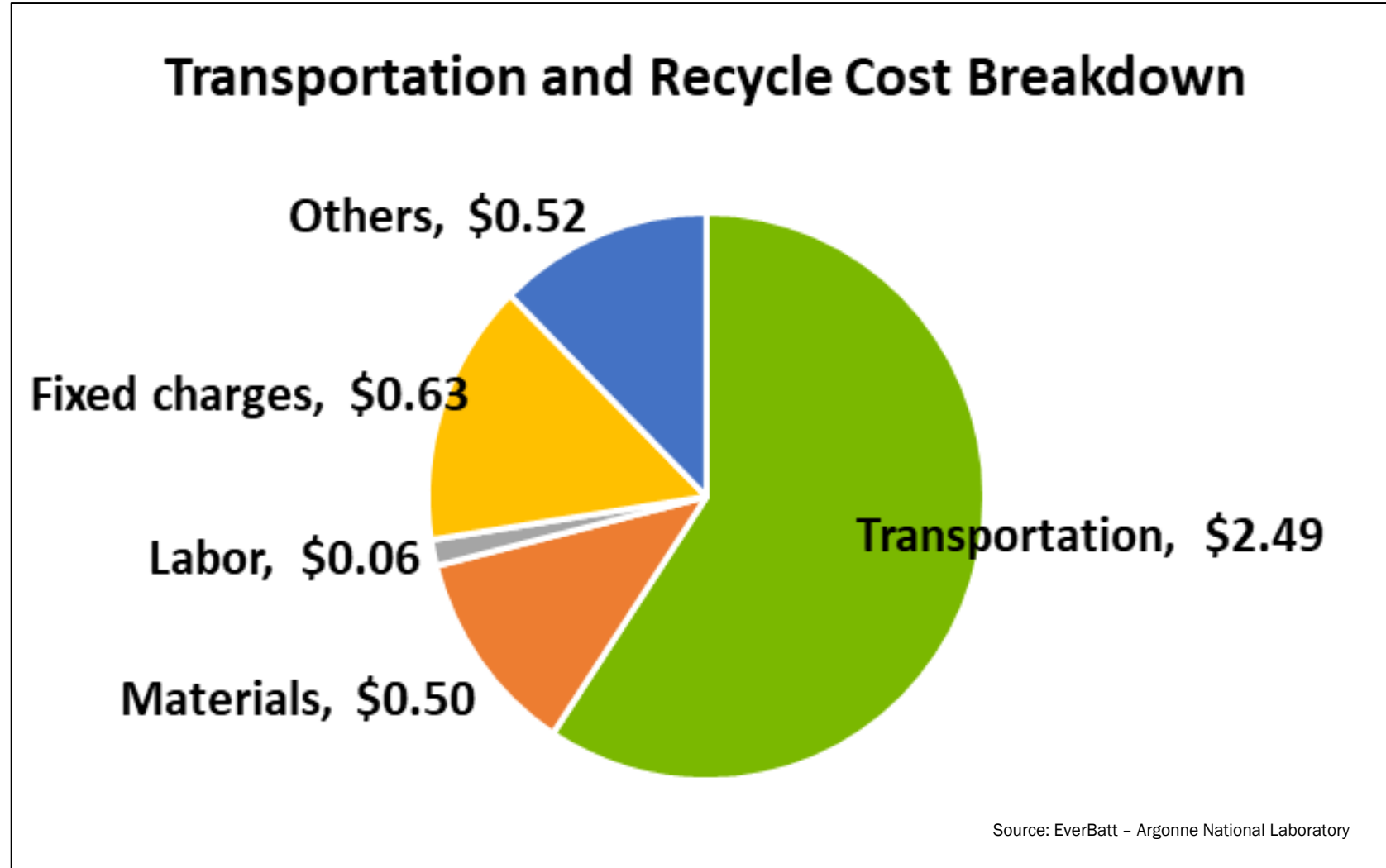


- Decrease recycling cost
- Recover critical and high value materials
- Reintroduce recovered materials into the material supply stream

# Worldwide Energy Storage Material Demand (80M New Sales)



# End Of Life Costs for EV Batteries



# Energy Secretary Rick Perry Announces the Battery Recycling Prize



January 17, 2019: At the Bipartisan Policy Center's American Energy Innovation Council



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

*"America's dependence on foreign sources of critical materials undermines our energy security and national security," ...*

*The Battery Recycling Prize will encourage American entrepreneurs to find innovative solutions to collecting, storing, and transporting discarded lithium-ion batteries for eventual recycling.*

## A \$5.5 million phased competition over three years

- Funded by DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office and DOE's Advanced Manufacturing Office

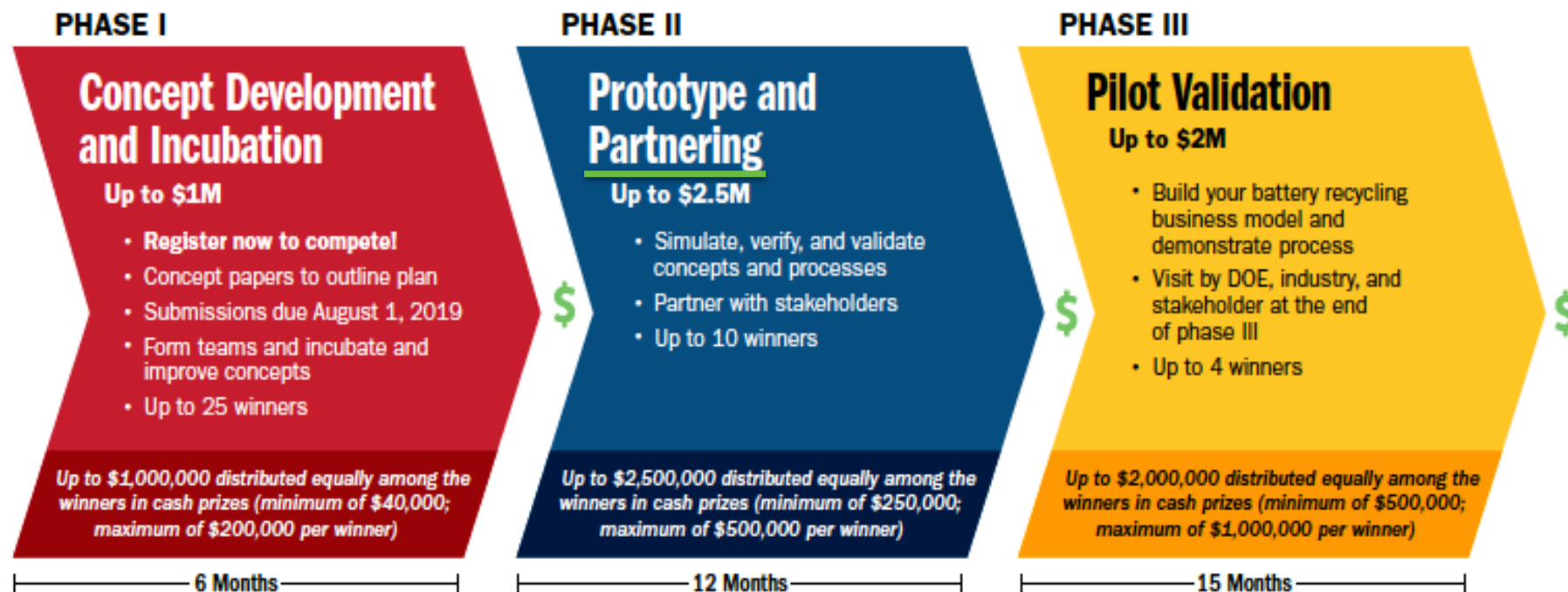


# About the Prize

- A \$5.5 million phased competition over three years
- Cofunded by the DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office and the Advanced Manufacturing Office
- Administered by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory
  - Lauren Lynch, Prize Administrator
- Prize is administered by HeroX – for more information, please visit the site below
- (<https://www.herox.com/BatteryRecyclingPrize>)

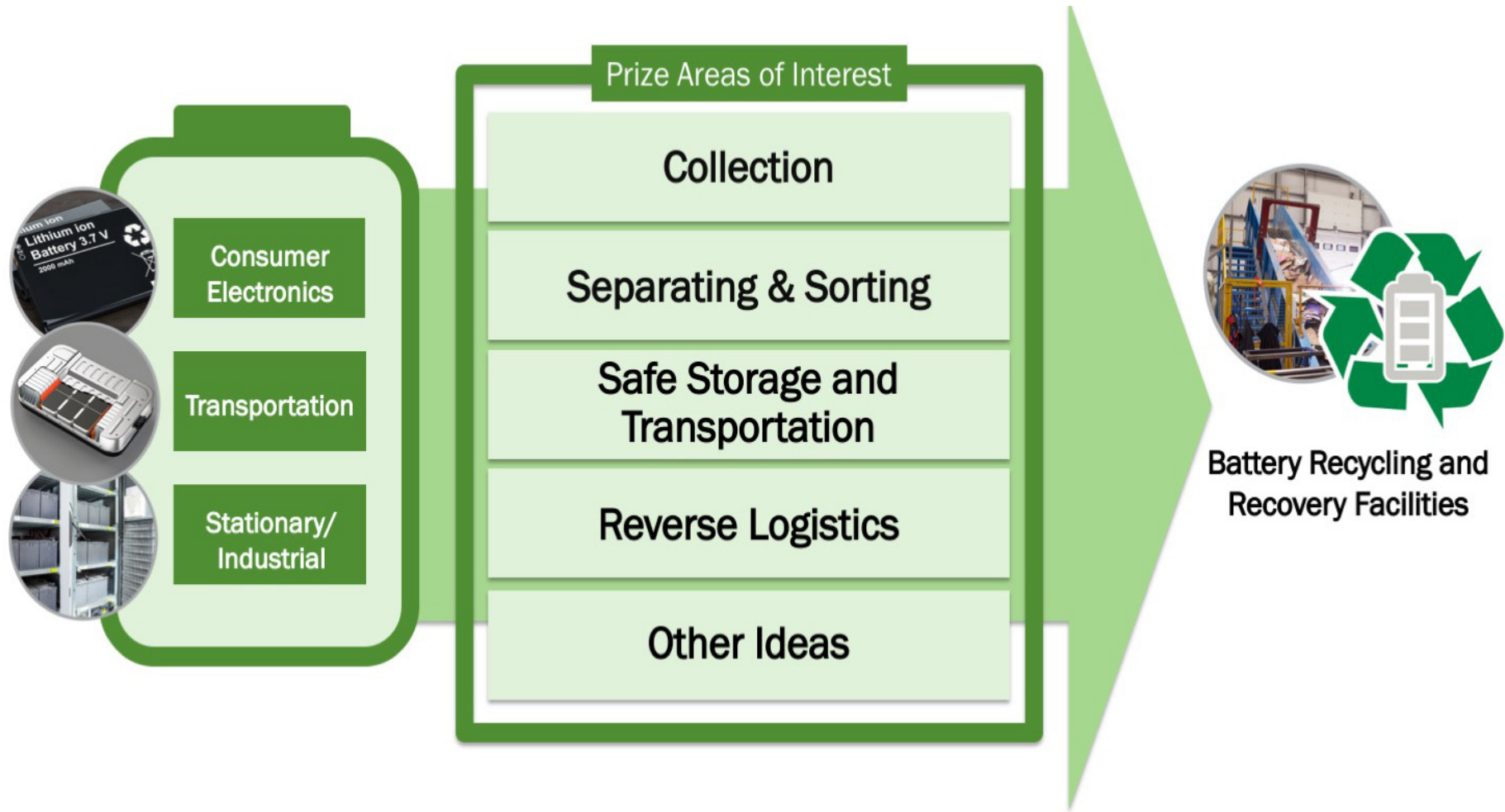


# Recycling Prize Phases

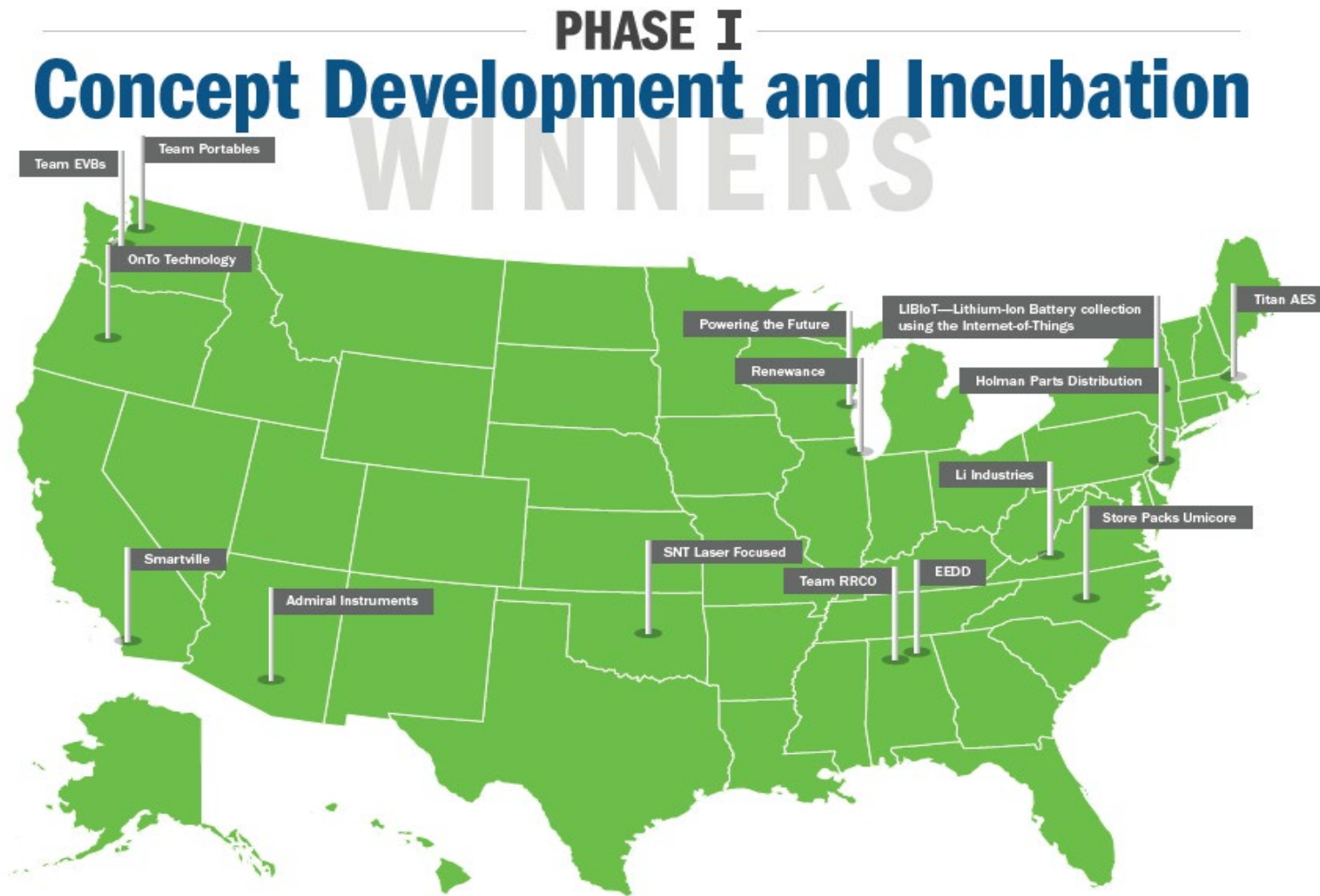


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# Phase I Tracks



# Prize Phase I Winners



# VTO Critical Materials Research Plan

Summary document available at the link below

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/vehicles/downloads/vehicle-technologies-office-s-research-plan-reduce-recycle-and-recover>

