

Greening Untapped Zip-codes Incubator (GUZi)

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VISION: To attract, mentor and support the untapped talent of the 21st century workforce, stimulate and support innovation in sustainability and clean energy technology, and reduce the impact of climate change on disadvantaged communities through the **Greening Untapped Zip Codes Incubator (GUZi)**, which nurtures innovation, creates intellectual property and launches minority-owned businesses and that is built on the foundation of a robust education and workforce-development consortium of HBCU (Howard University, Clark Atlanta University, Bowie State University), HSI (University of Puerto Rico system-11 campus, Florida Atlantic University, University of Texas- San Antonio, University of Texas-El Paso) and Purdue University, formed in 2021 and funded by ONR.



Current

ONR-BIP brings several consortiums (USA-Mexico Energy Corridor, Minority Institutions, NASA, ONR), into one cohesive ecosystem driven by a common goal to bring a diverse pipeline from K-12 all the way to PhD, and to help HBCUs/HSI to enhance their research capabilities by leveraging research facilities at Purdue and Navy Labs.



GUZi



Future

- Summer Institute: K12- Graduate Students
- Annual Conference: “Building Economic Prosperity at Minority Institutions & the 2050 Workforce.
- Quarter Workshops: IPs, SBIR, Federal Contracts, NSF-ICORPS
- Mentoring Program & Pairing Ecosystem.
- Career Fair Event
- Funds to create startups
- Annual Fundraising Event
- Connect Funding Program with minority-owned Startups
- Partnership with Puerto Rico Economic Development & Incubators in Puerto Rico.



Inclusive Clean Energy Innovation

Minority owned startups

Economic growth of disadvantaged communities

*Combined with BIP resources, in Phase 1 of this DOE Prize--- A Green Incubator called **GUZi** to help accelerate economic prosperity for minorities--- primarily those located at HBCUs/MSIs/HSI which typically are in regions of disadvantaged communities.*

Greening Untapped Zip-codes Incubator [GUZi], an accelerator pipeline of diverse talent for Clean Energy Innovation