

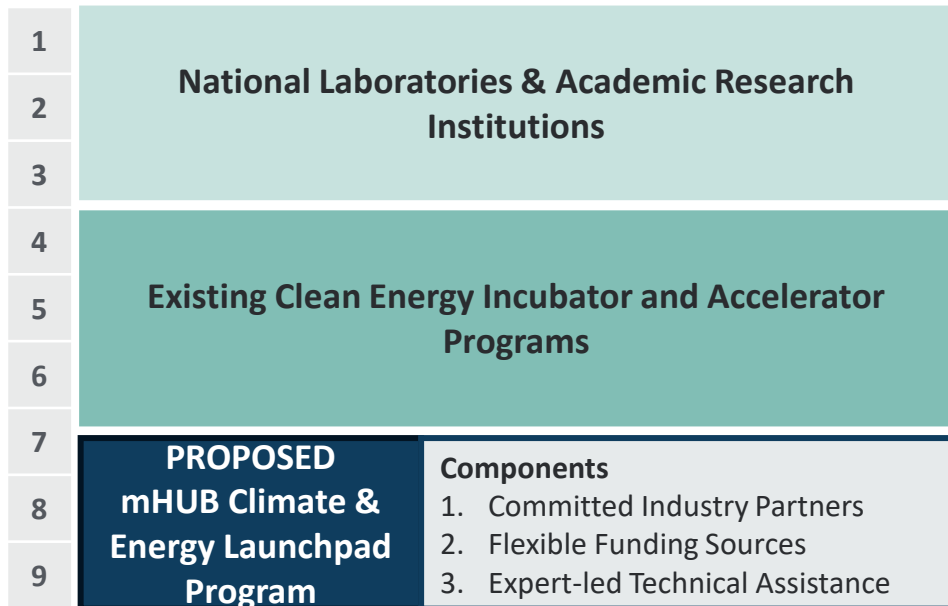
MHUB CLIMATE & ENERGY PILOT LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM

THE VISION

We envision a **thriving and connected lab-to-market pathway** that supports commercialization of new **climate and energy hardtech** in the Chicago area that lowers barriers of access to entrepreneurship for people from all backgrounds and especially those underrepresented in tech and manufacturing. A streamlined lab-to-market pathway requires connectivity of wraparound services, funding, and industry engagement from TRL 1 through 9. Through this program we seek to fill the ecosystem gap in **pilot-stage support to accelerate lab-developed technologies from prototype to end-user.**

THE MODEL

The **mHUB Climate & Energy Pilot Launchpad (CEPL) Program** will strengthen the “pull” mechanism from national labs and other research facilities by lowering barriers and increasing likelihood of successful commercialization.



THE STARTUPS

CEPL will focus on supporting startups that meet the following criteria:

- Hardtech climate and energy technologies
- Field pilot/demonstration-ready at TRLs 7-9
- Demonstrated team commitment to partnering with industry or government on pilot projects
- Diverse entrepreneurs, with specific recruiting processes to attract a program cohort with greater than 33% of startups having at least one underrepresented founding team member

THE PARTNERS

mHUB will convene an ecosystem of partners to support the vision and CEPL program.

A selection of key partners and advisors includes:

INDUSTRY



RESEARCH



INNOVATION & MANUFACTURING

