



# Grid Storage Launchpad (GSL)

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*A New Facility at PNNL to Accelerate the Development of Energy  
Storage Technologies for the United States Grid*





## LONG DURATION STORAGE SHOT TARGET



Reduce storage costs by  
**90%** from a 2020  
Li-ion baseline...



...in storage systems that  
deliver **10+**  
hours of duration



...in **1** decade

*Affordable grid storage for clean power – any time, anywhere*

# Grid Storage Launchpad (GSL) Facility

*Validate*

*Accelerate*

*Collaborate*

*Educate*



- DOE Office of Electricity facility
- Expected occupancy/start of operations: Spring 2024
- 91,000 sq. ft facility
- Provide systematic and independent validation of new grid storage technologies from basic materials and components, through prototyping under grid operating conditions (<100kW)

**\$75M**  
TOTAL  
ESTIMATED  
FACILITY COST


**105**  
**30**

WORKSTATIONS

LAB MODULES

**\$35M**  
NON-FEDERAL  
INVESTMENTS

**\$15M**   
**\$8M** 

**\$7M**   
**\$5M** 



# Grid Storage Launchpad (GSL)

*Advancing U.S. R&D leadership in energy storage technologies*

## **Validate:**

Independent testing of next generation storage materials and systems (<100kW/400kWh) under realistic grid operating conditions

## **Accelerate:**

Reduce risk and speed development of new technologies by propagating rigorous grid performance requirements to all stages of development

## **Collaborate:**

Link DOE and storage R&D communities in a new collaboration center to solve key crosscutting challenges.

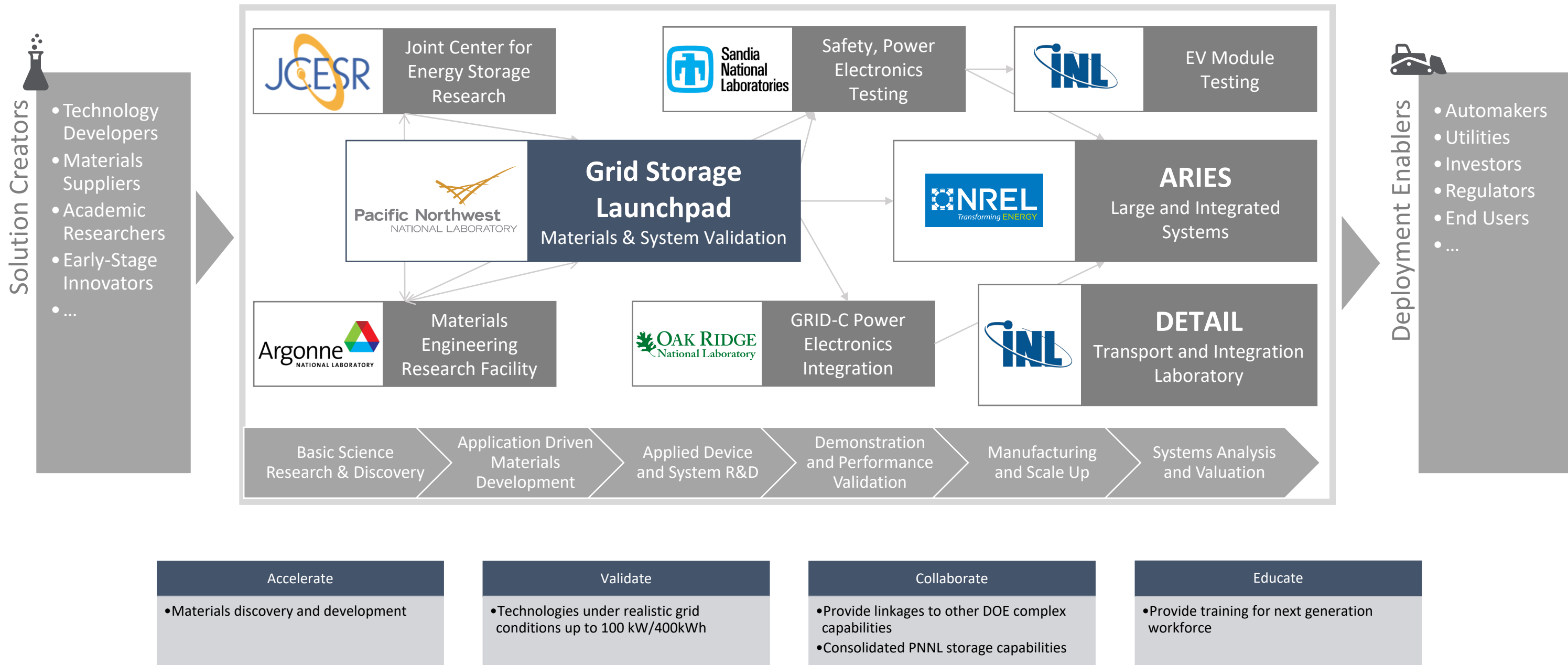
## **Educate:**

Provide standardized training and development of the next generation workforce, from skilled labor to first responders and safety officials, to utility planners and regulators.



**Validate | Accelerate | Collaborate | Educate**

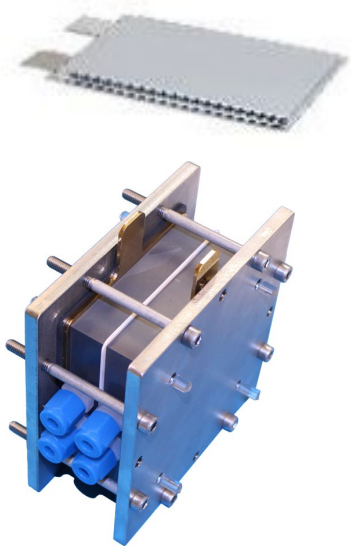
# Collaborative Effort Within the DOE Complex



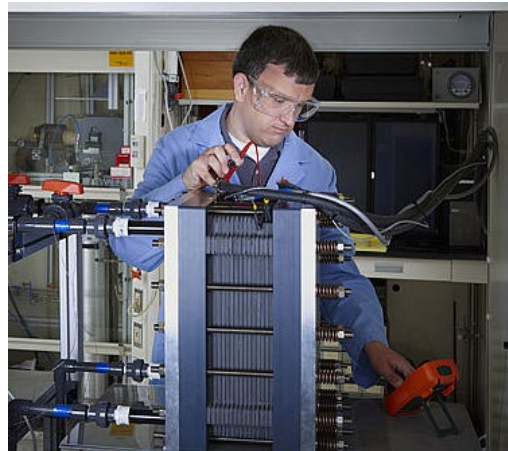
# Grid Storage Launchpad

***Validating performance of new technologies across scales to de-risk industry acceptance***

**Novel Storage  
Materials/Cells**



**Prototype  
Device**



**< 100kW  
Systems**



**Field Validation and  
Qualification**



**GSL**





## 100kW Test Chambers





# GSL Lobby



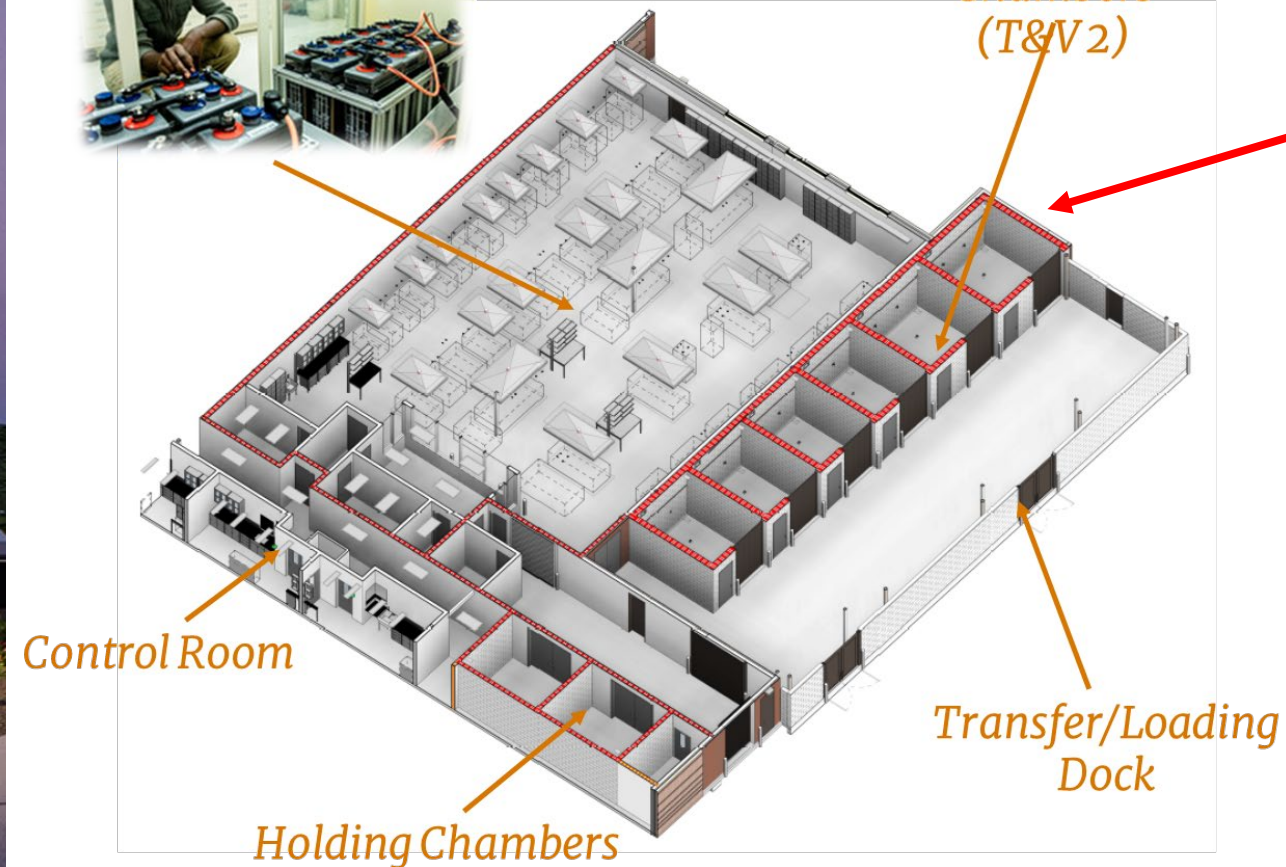


# GSL Test and Validation

1-10 kW Test Area  
(T&V1)



100kW Test  
Chambers  
(T&V2)



**Validation**  
100kW Testing  
Chambers

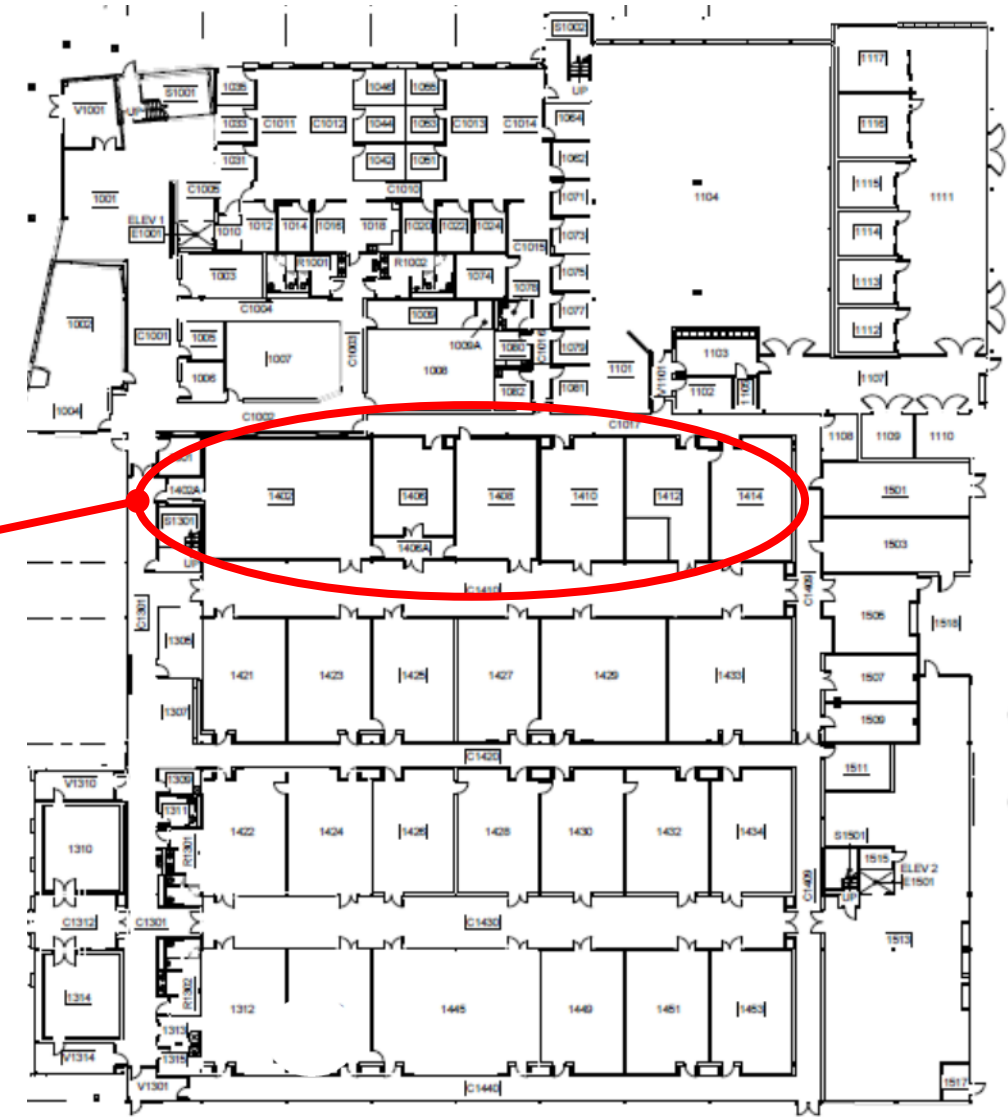


# Device Prototyping

## Advanced Battery Facility (ABF)



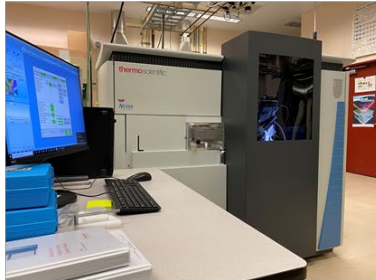
## Redox Flow Prototyping





# GSL In-operando Center

*\$8.3M WA State Investment*



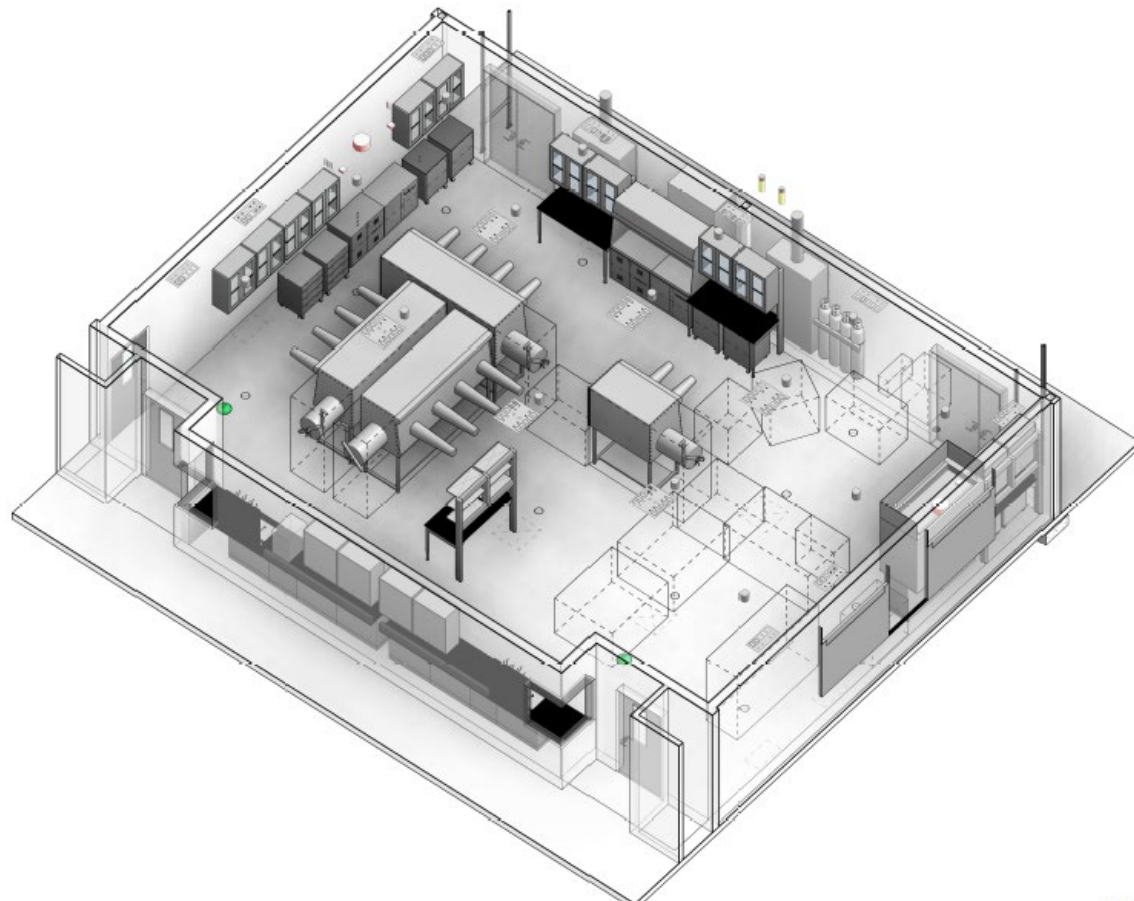
Nexsa X-Ray Photoelectron Spectrometry System, with glovebox



Helios Hydra UX Plasma Focused Ion Beam Scanning Electron Microscope



Spectra 300 Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope





# GSL Construction

GSL Groundbreaking Ceremony 04-21-22



April

June

August

September

October





# GSL Design and Construction Update

- Construction started Feb 2022
- Structural Steel, with exception of T&V 2 area, completed August 2022
- T&V 2 area Design complete October 2022
- Facility dried in (weather resistant) Feb 2023
- Facility ready for operation 2024



- \$8.3M in equipment received from WA DOC contribution, temporarily installed and operational until GSL opens.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year of ESMI Initiative developing AI/ML tools to accelerate flow battery development.

# The Grid Storage Launchpad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwphB8WBYG8>

<https://www.pnnl.gov/grid-storage-launchpad-pnnl>

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