

Hot Partnership
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Energy Conservation for Food Processing

U.S. food manufacturers are increasingly at a competitive disadvantage by virtue of rapidly escalating energy costs. The purpose of this demand-driven technology transfer partnership is to promote the commercialization of Federally-developed technology in order to solve industry energy problems. Specific tasks involve:

- Convene food processing trade associations to identify and aggregate high priority, common energy-related needs
- Relay those needs to sources of technology in Federal Labs
- Match alternative technologies to priority needs and document them in state-of-the-art reports
- Relay the analyses to potential supplier companies

The general idea is to have the needs defined by the National food products associations and U.S. food manufacturing trade associations. The University of Wisconsin will act as an intermediary to identify technologies in the Federal Labs, universities and private sector research organizations. State-of-art reports will then be prepared and provided to the supplier community to generate energy savings, new products and jobs.

Additional collaborators are welcomed.

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