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Q Station Energy Challenge Announces First Cohort of Emerging Energy Companies

HOBBS, N.M. — Q Station and the New Horizons Foundation have selected 20 companies to participate in the inaugural Q Station Energy Challenge, a new initiative designed to identify and accelerate promising energy technologies with the potential to strengthen the future of energy production, efficiency, sustainability, and infrastructure.

The selected companies emerged from a competitive applicant pool representing a wide range of energy sectors, including oil and gas innovation, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, grid technologies, emissions reduction, and other emerging energy solutions.

Over the coming months, participants will take part in an accelerator-style program designed to strengthen their business models, refine their market strategies, and prepare them to engage with investors, industry leaders, and potential customers.

The program will culminate in a live showcase and pitch competition in Hobbs, New Mexico on September 10, 2026, where three companies will receive cash awards totaling \$50,000.

The selected companies are:

- **ABQMR** (Albuquerque, NM)
- **Austere Environmental** (Golden, CO)
- **Bandelier Technologies** (Santa Fe, NM)
- **BioGreenWorks** (Sacramento, CA)
- **Carmine Minerals** (Long Beach, CA)
- **Corrolytics** (Houston, TX)
- **Dash2Labs** (Albuquerque, NM)
- **Lattice Energy** (Houston, TX)
- **EO-Insight** (Albuquerque, NM)
- **Gridflow** (Albuquerque, NM)
- **Deep Anchor Solution** (Houston, TX)
- **Intelligent Core** (Twickenham, UK)
- **Leviathan Laboratories** (Belen, NM)
- **New Mexico AI Labs** (Santa Fe, NM)
- **OmniSpectra** (Dallas, TX)
- **Ovanova** (Cedar Grove, NC)

- **Shale Ingenuity** (Centennial, CO)
- **Spargo Space** (Orlando, FL)
- **Slic.AI** (Santa Fe, NM)
- **Tipa Solar** (Albuquerque, NM)

"What impressed us most was not just the quality of the technologies, but the commercial potential behind them," said Toni Balzano, VP of Strategy and Communications for Q Station. "These companies are tackling real challenges facing the energy sector while positioning themselves for future growth. Through the Energy Challenge, we're helping them refine their story, sharpen their value proposition, and build the connections that can accelerate their path to market."

The Q Station Energy Challenge was created to attract high-potential energy innovators to Southeast New Mexico while supporting technologies that can strengthen both traditional and emerging energy sectors. The initiative reflects a shared commitment by Q Station and the New Horizons Foundation to foster innovation-driven economic development in Lea County and across the Permian Basin.

For more information about the Q Station Energy Challenge, visit www.qstation.tech/energychallenge

About Q Station

Q Station is a collaborative innovation hub advancing defense, space, and advanced technology. It brings together industry, startups, federal laboratories, universities, the military, and policymakers to accelerate solutions with real-world impact. Through its Partnership Intermediary Agreement with the Air Force Research Laboratory, Q Station connects commercial technologies to Air Force and Space Force needs and helps companies navigate pathways to government partnerships. More information at www.qstation.tech

About New Horizons Foundation

Based in Hobbs, New Mexico, and primarily funded by New Mexico Junior College, the New Horizons Foundation acts as an economic development and philanthropic entity in the Permian Basin. The foundation focuses on fostering technology-driven business ventures, investing in research, and supporting community development. More information at www.nhfoundation.net