

# The National Algae Testbed Public-Private Partnership (ATP<sup>3</sup>) Kick-Off Meeting at Arizona State University

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The project brings together a team of university, industry, and national lab partner organizations that provides technical expertise, capabilities, and a geographically diverse set of existing outdoor facilities for growing and processing autotrophic microalgae in both open ponds and closed photobioreactor (PBR) cultivation systems. The multi-year project's purpose is to provide a national test bed capability to support industry and the broader R&D community with objective and standardized testing and evaluation of technologies, processes, and systems being developed to assist in successfully commercializing algae biofuels.

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*Group photo of the participants in the April 2013 national Algae Testbed Public-Private Partnership (ATP<sup>3</sup>) kick-off meeting at Arizona State University.*

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