



# Phase I Results: Large Pilot Scale Testing of Linde/BASF Post- Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technology at the Abbott Coal-Fired Power Plant

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Funding, Objectives, Tasks, Timelines

# PROJECT OVERVIEW



# Prairie Research Institute (PRI) at University of Illinois Illinois-focused Resource Research and Service

*Addressing societal challenges that impact Illinois and the global community*

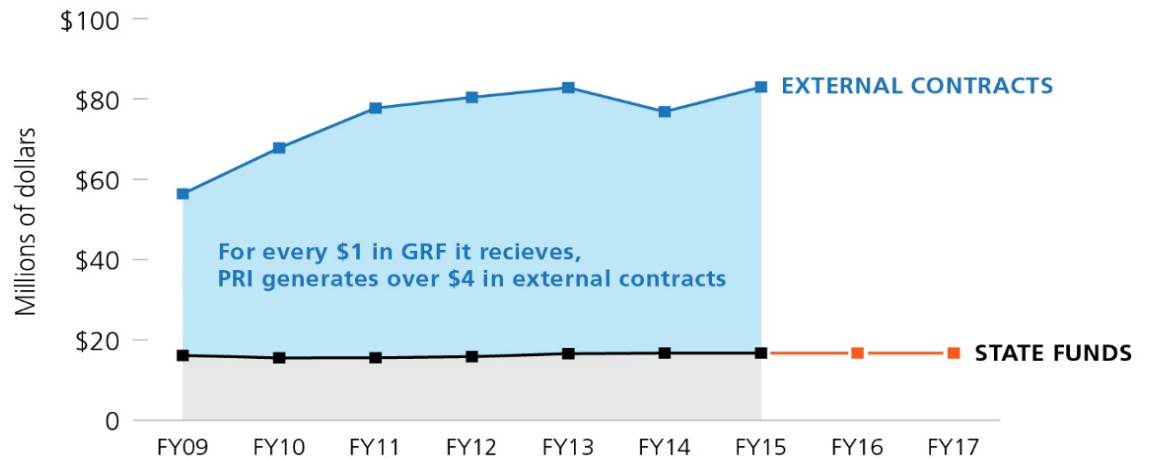
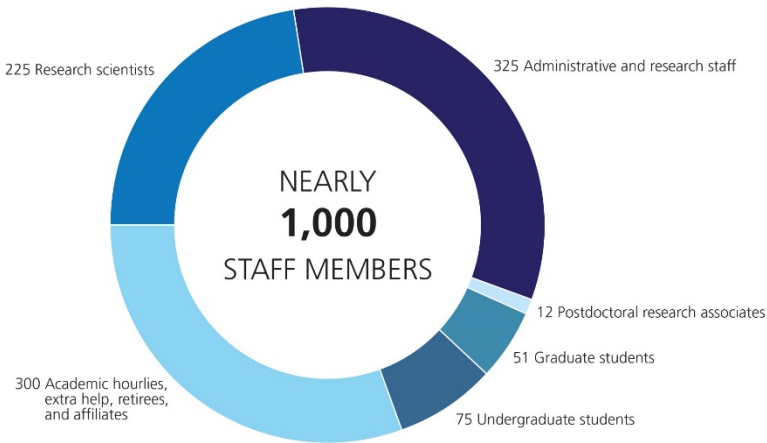


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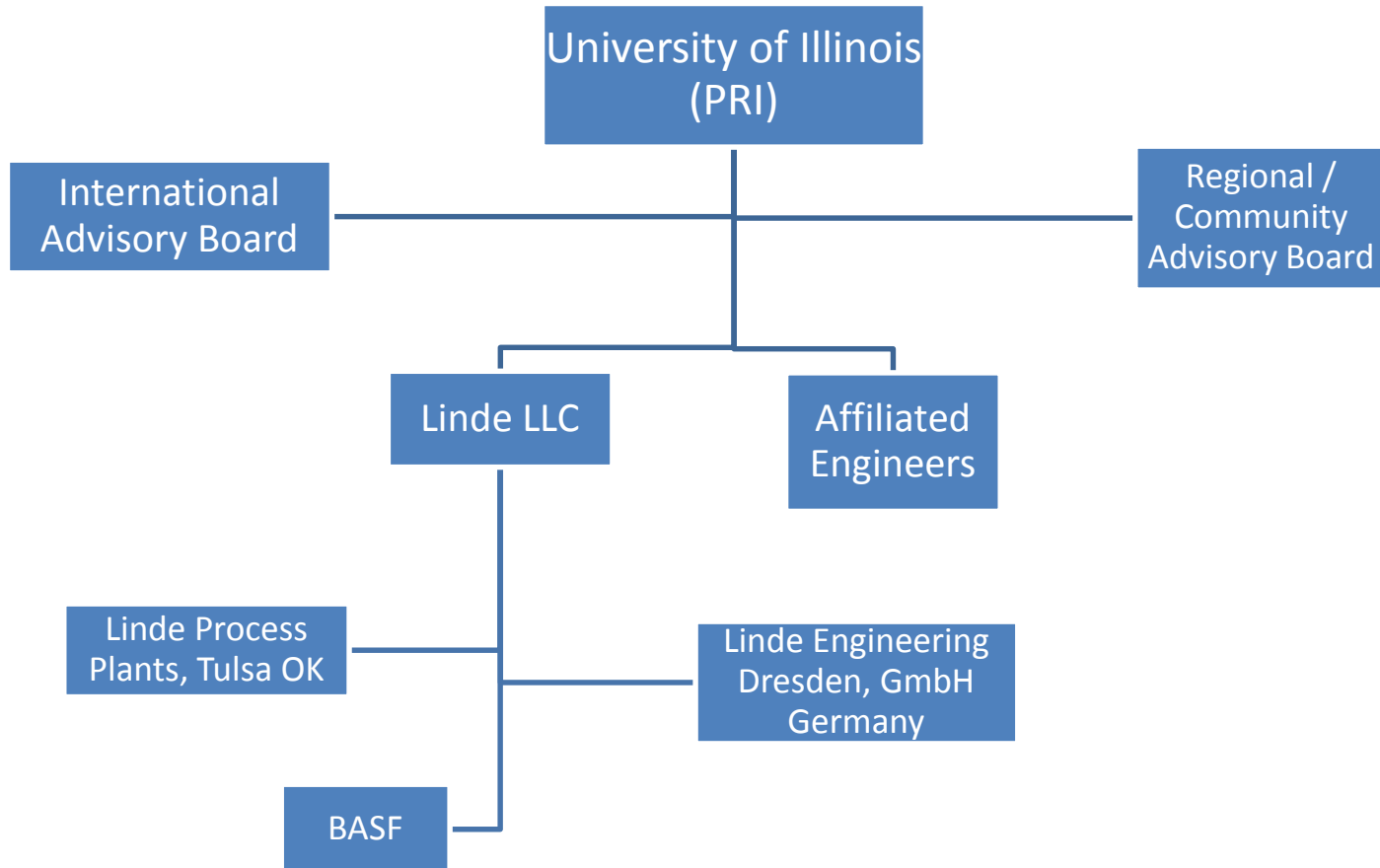


# PRI : Skilled at Leveraging State Funds

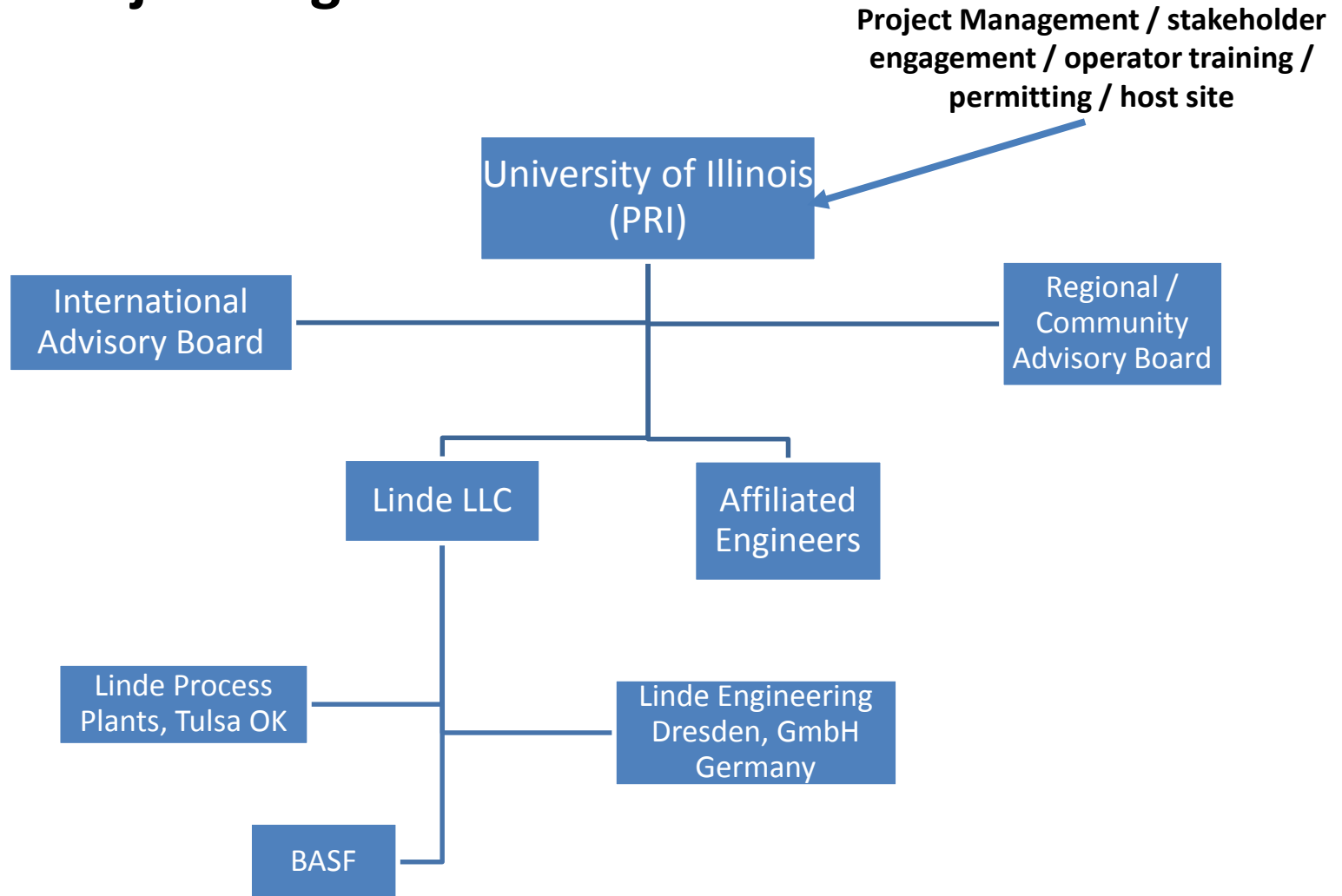
*History of executing large projects for the state and region*



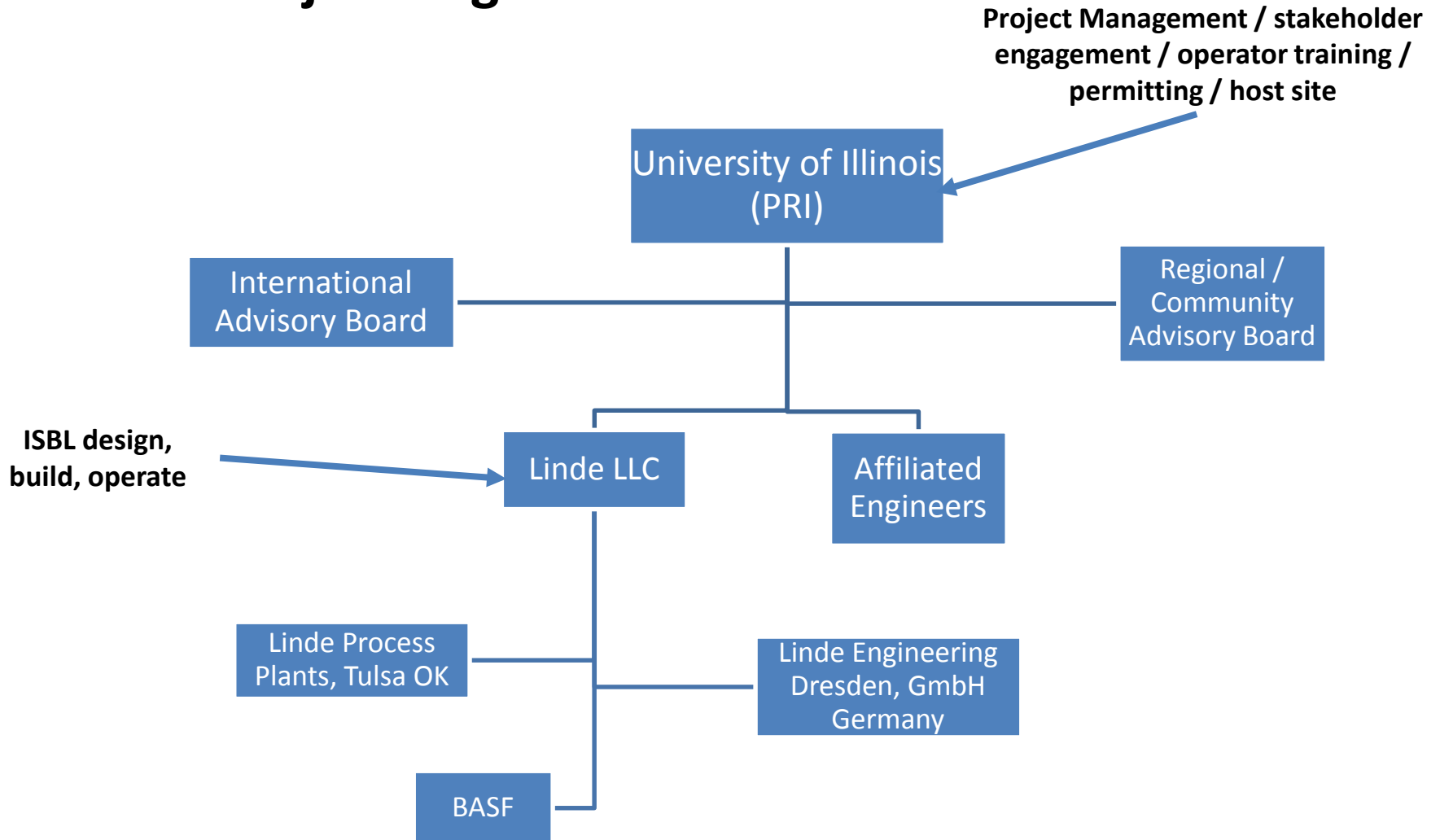
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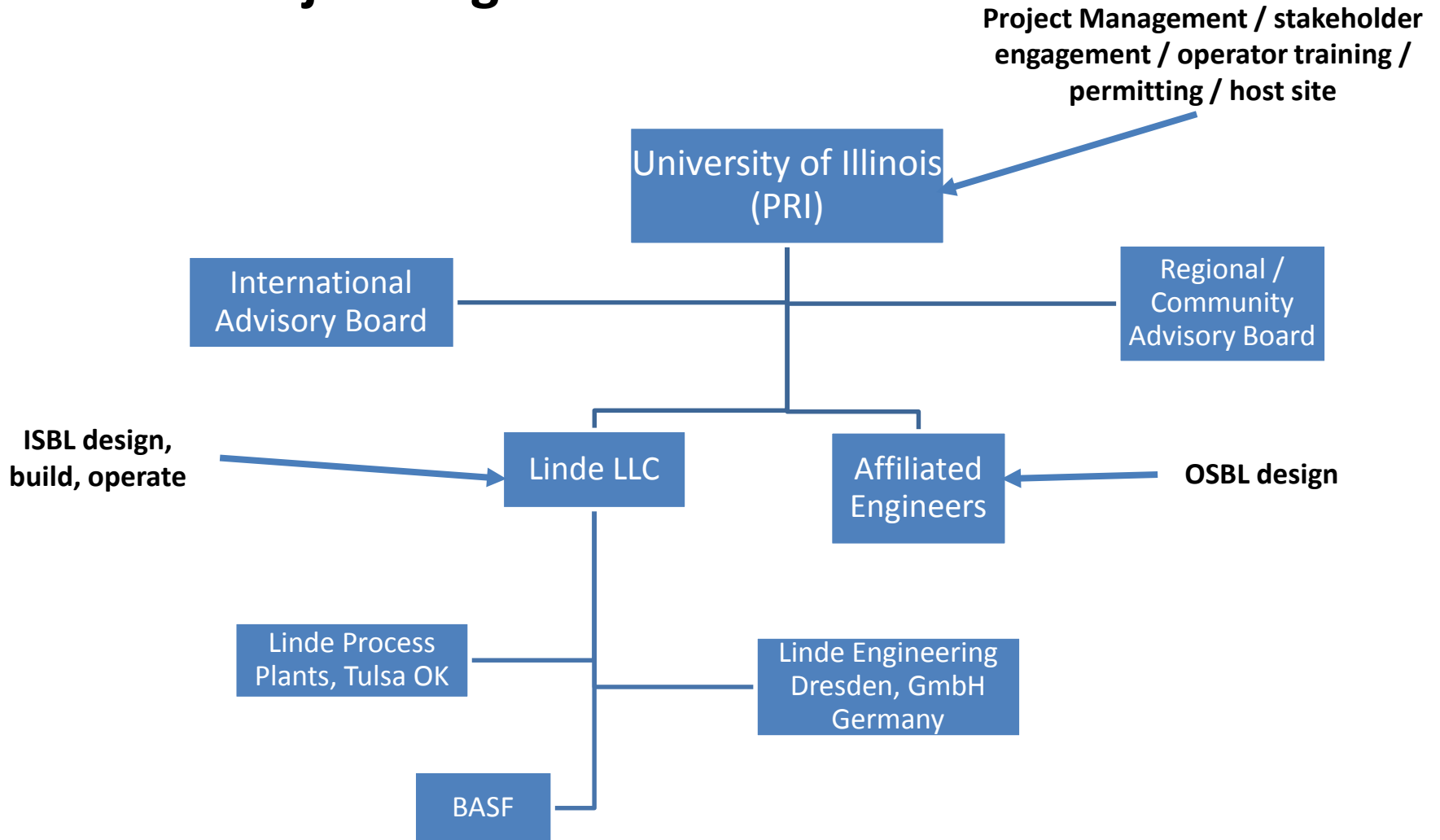


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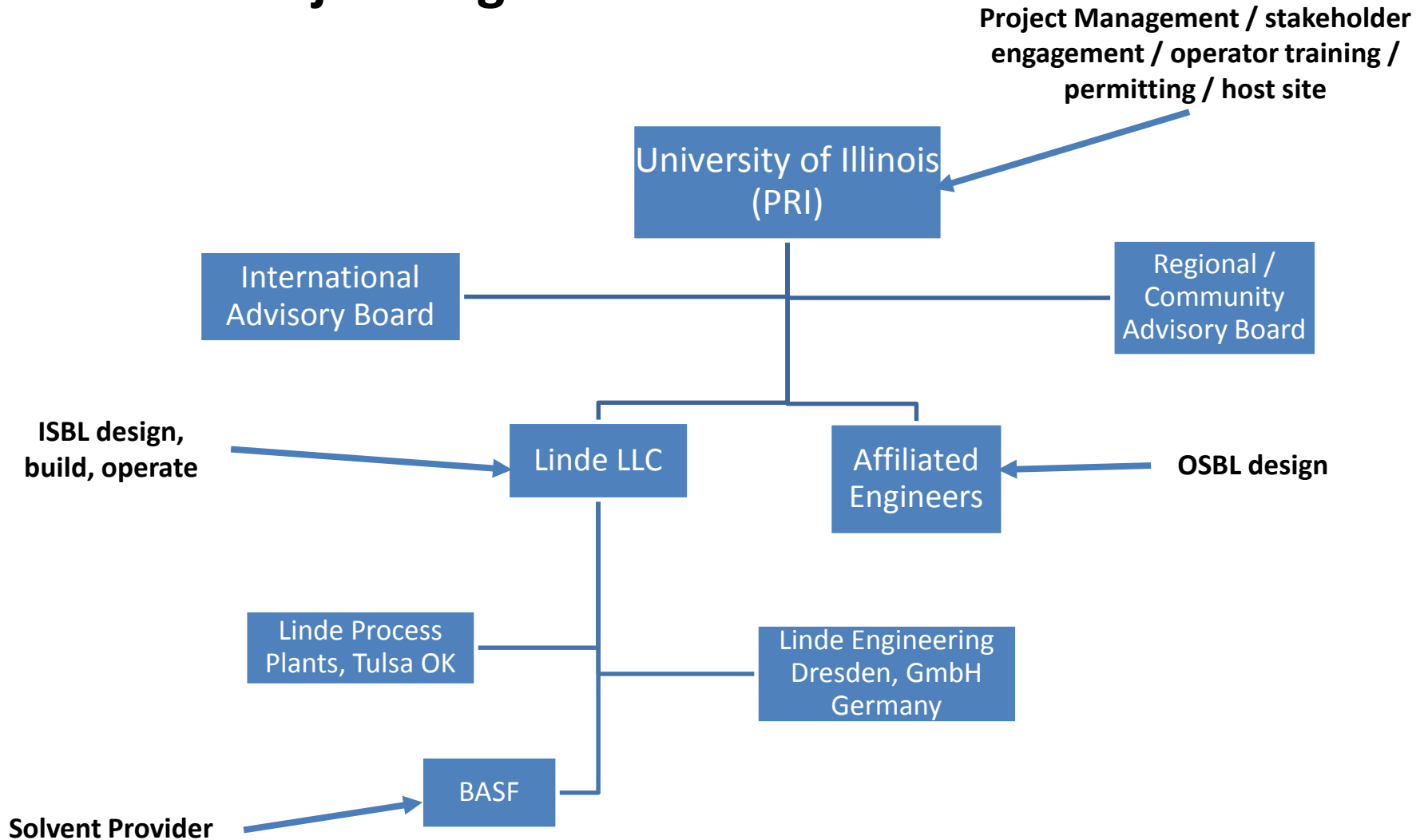




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# Advisory Board for Capture Project and Center

*Key partnerships regionally and internationally*

**DBT-IOC**  
BIO-ENERGY RESEARCH CENTRE

**ITAQ**

**एनटीपीसी NTPC**  
A Maharatna Company

**CITY WATER LIGHT AND POWER**  
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Engineer Research and Development Center

**ILLINOIS GREEN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**浙江大学 ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY**

**ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Center for Community Adaptation**

**The University of Nottingham**  
UNITED KINGDOM • CHINA • MALAYSIA

**Southern Illinois University Carbondale**

**華能國際電力股份有限公司 HUANENG POWER INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

**PRAIRIE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

**THE LINDE GROUP Linde**

**BASF**  
We create chemistry

**NETL**

**AEI Affiliated Engineers**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

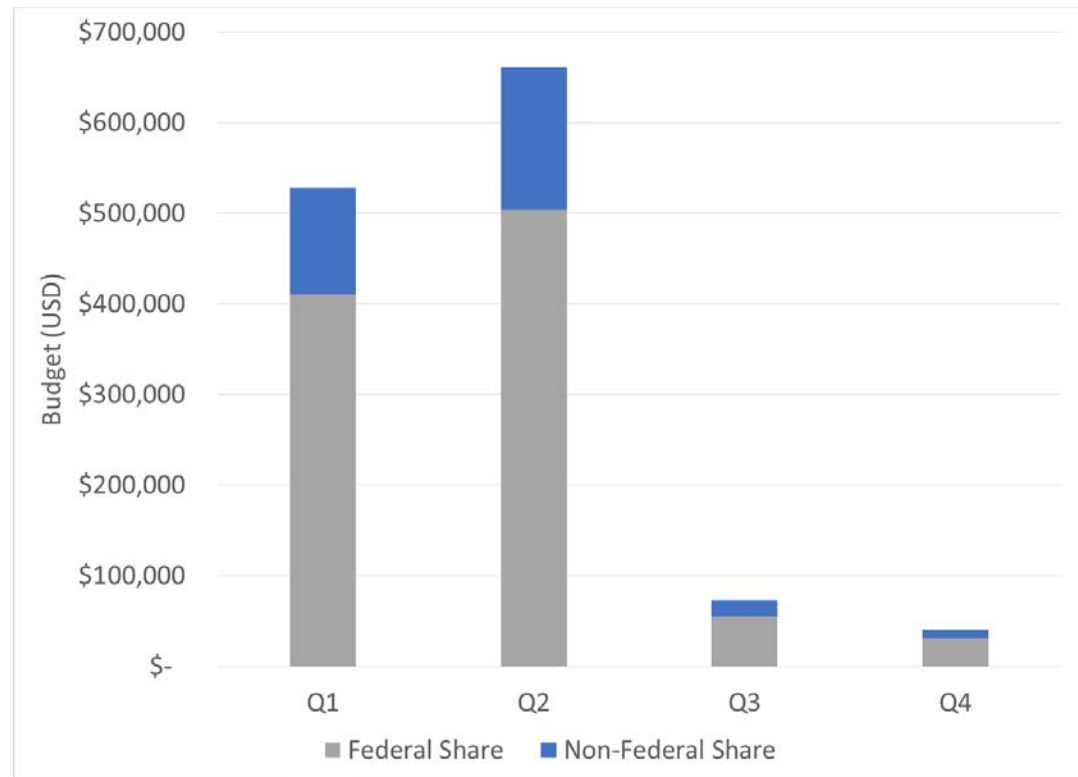
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# Project Performance: Dates and Funding

*Financial commitment from all team members*

**BP1: OCT 1, 2015 TO SEPT 30, 2016**

Source	Funding, \$
DOE/NETL	1,000,000
University of Illinois	75,530
Linde LLC / BASF	166,566
Affiliated Engineers, Inc.	45,000
Assoc. of IL Electric Cooperatives	15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,302,096</b>
<b>Cost share</b>	<b>23%</b>



# Objectives

- Design and install a carbon capture system of nominal 15 MWe
  - Integrate with the Abbott Power Plant flue gas system
  - Demonstrate the viability of continuous operation under realistic conditions with high efficiency and capacity
  - Optimize the process at this scale and to gather performance data to enable a robust design of large commercial size plants
- Provide a guideline for the retrofit of other existing plants within the coal fleet
  - Enable future knowledge sharing with other utilities in order to encourage and facilitate the retrofit process
- Illustrate a path forward for the utilization of the captured CO<sub>2</sub>

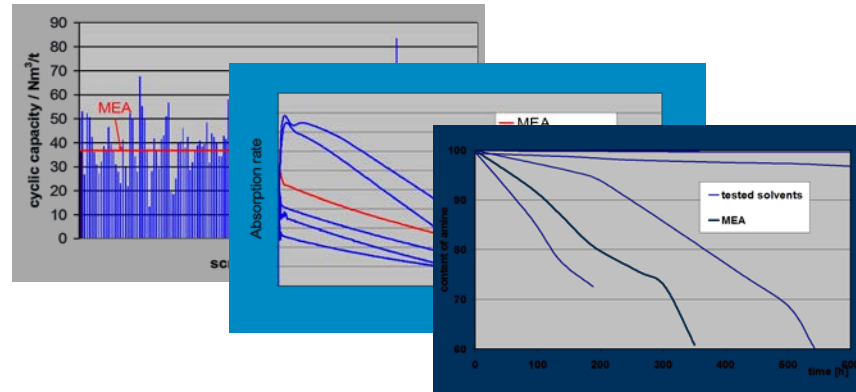
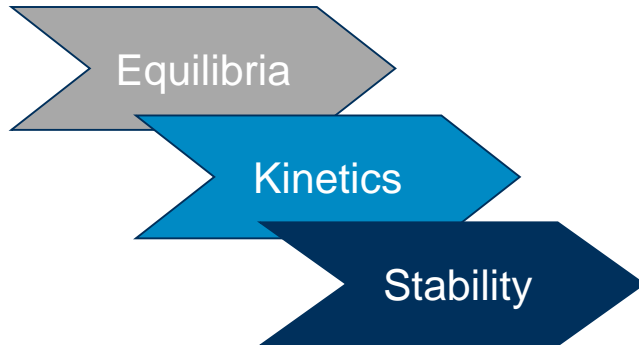
Successfully evaluated at the 1.5 MWe level at NCCC

# TECHNOLOGY DESCRIPTION



# BASF OASE® Blue Technology Development

*Adopted and Optimized for PCC Applications*



## Mini plant

- 2001, Ludwigshafen
- Solvent performance verification



## Pilot: 0.5MWe

- 2009, Niederaussem
- Process optimization, materials testing



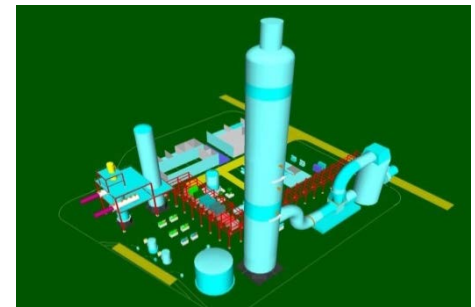
## Pilot: 1.5 MWe

- 2014, Wilsonville, AL
- Design improvements, emissions confirmation



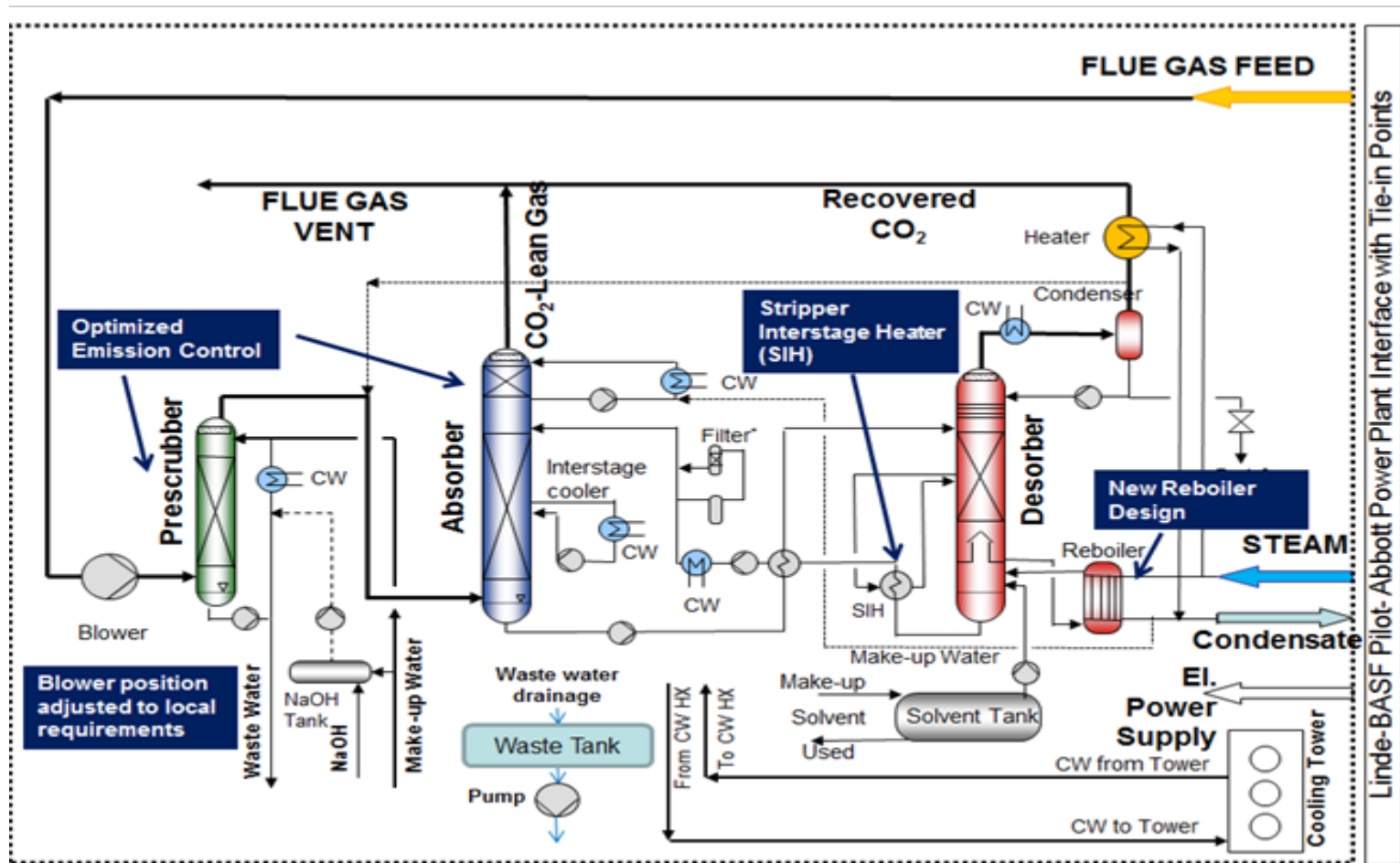
## Large Pilot: 15 MWe

- 2016/20, proposed
- PCC plant cost reduction
- Full value chain



# Overview of Capture System for Large Pilot Plant

## Technology features





# Host Site: Abbott Power Plant

*Ideal site for large scale pilot testing of coal and natural gas*

- Seven boilers total: three are coal based (Chain-grate stoker design) others natural gas
- **Coal side has completely separate treatment system from natural gas side**
- For testing will run two coal boilers
- Illinois high sulfur coal is burned
- Electrostatic precipitators and a wet Flue Gas Desulfurizer (FGD) in place
- **Tradition of evaluating new emission technologies**
- **Tradition of showcasing technologies to other power plants and education groups**



Major advantage that  
University owns and operates  
Host Site

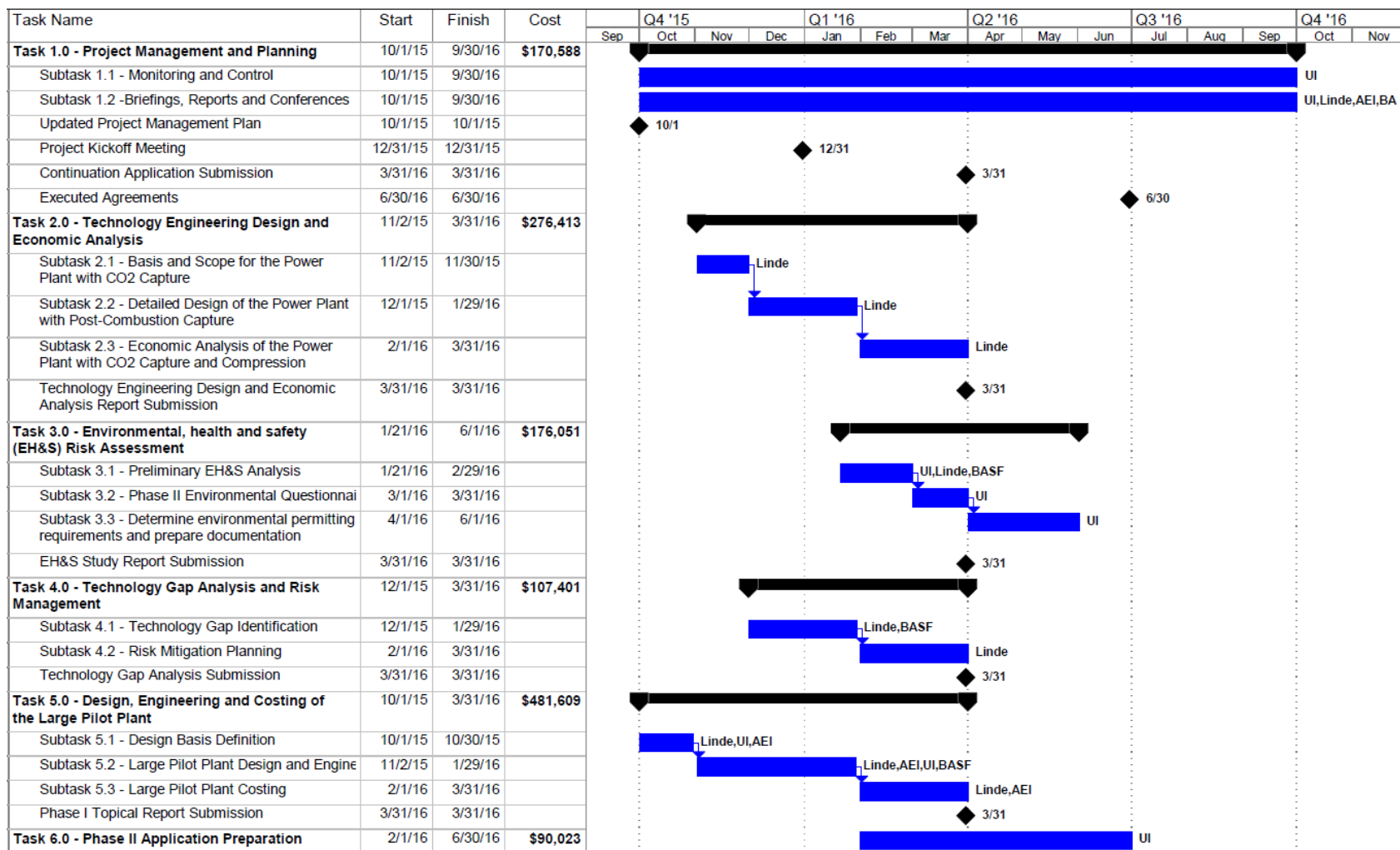
Executed on-time

# TECHNICAL APPROACH / PROJECT SCOPE



# Project Schedule, Tasks, and Milestones

## Phase 1 effort



# Project Milestones and Accomplishments

Budget Period	Task / Subtask	Milestone Description	Planned Completion	Actual Completion	Verification Method	Status / Comments
1	1	Updated Project Management Plan	10/1/2015	10/1/2015	Project Management Plan File	Completed
1	1	Kick-off Meeting	12/30/2015	12/10/2015	Presentation File	Completed
1	2	TEA completed	3/31/2016	3/31/2016	Presentation File	Completed
1	3	EH&S Study Completed	3/31/2016	3/31/2016	Presentation File	Completed
1	4	Technology Gap Analysis Completed	3/31/2016	3/31/2016	Presentation File	Completed
1	5	Phase I Topical Report Completed	3/31/2016	3/31/2016	Presentation File	Completed
1	1	Host Site Agreement Completed	6/30/2016	6/30/2016	Signed Agreement	Completed
1	6	Phase 2 Application Preparation Completed	3/31/2016 6/30/2016	3/31/2016 6/30/2016	Application Document	Completed



# Project Success Criteria

Decision Point	Date	Success Criteria
Go / No-Go Phase 2 Application	3/31/2016	Submission of continuation application
Negotiated and completed agreements	06/30/2016	Cost estimates for 15 MWe pilot meets targeted budget for funding and cost share in Phase 2
Go/ No-Go Phase 2 Initiation	10/1/2016	Phase 2 Award and commitment of funds for cost share



# Steps in Building a Market for Captured CO<sub>2</sub>

*Combination of partnerships, technologies, and interest in economic development*

- Find a Power Generator willing to host large scale pilot
  - Abbott Power Plant at University of Illinois
  - Traditionally evaluates new technologies and shares with other plants
- Assemble a “bondable” team with a proven capture technology (Phase I)
  - Linde/BASF provides proven technology
  - Linde/BASF; Affiliated Engineers Inc. experienced in large projects
- Obtain financing for project
  - Proposal to DOE for 15 MW large scale capture pilot
- Construct and test a large scale pilot system at the power generator (Phase II)
- Large scale pilot evaluations of technologies for utilization of captured CO<sub>2</sub> (Phase III)
  - Forming Center for CO<sub>2</sub> utilization
  - Capitalizes on 300 Tons/day of CO<sub>2</sub> generated

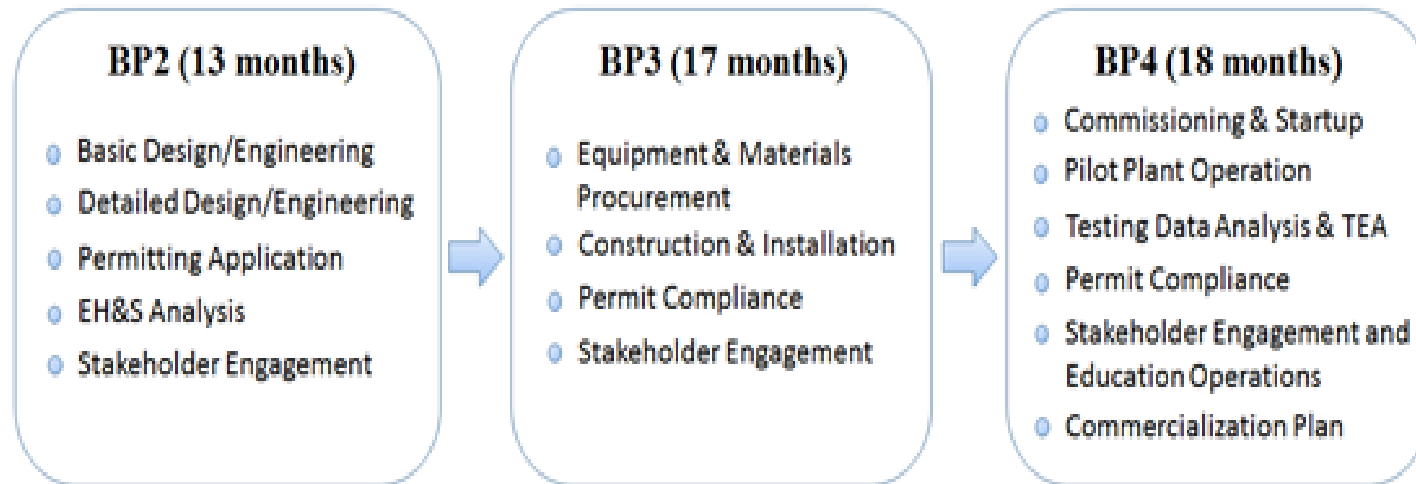
Phase 1 completed, milestones achieved, prepared for Phase 2

# PROGRESS AND CURRENT STATUS



# Overview of Phase 2 Project Schedule

*More than just a design, build, operate project*

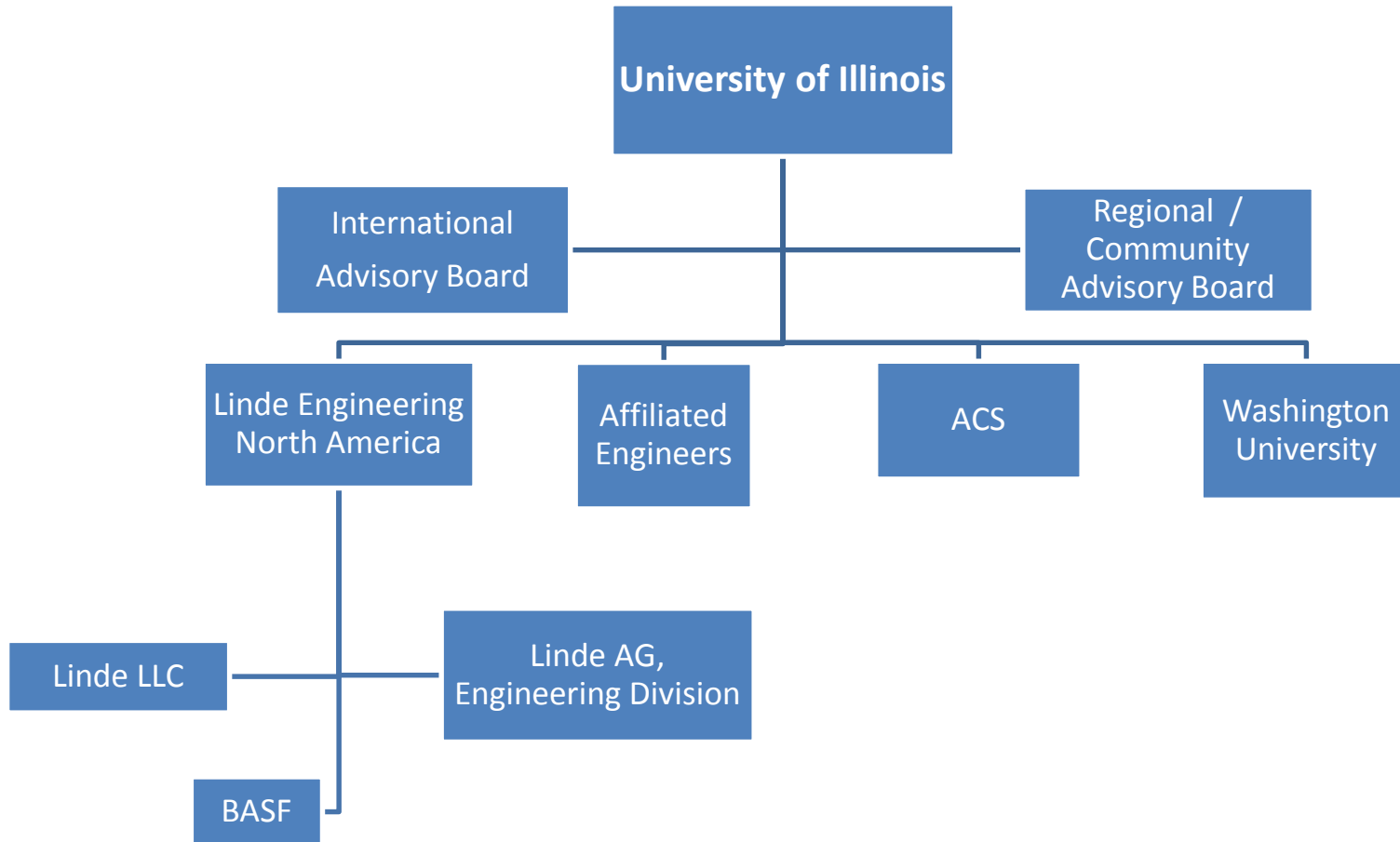


- ***Stakeholder Engagement helps educate , understand market needs, and propagate technology***
- ***Education: workforce development for existing and future operators and engineers***
- ***Demonstrating not only the technology but how to create jobs and drive regional economies***



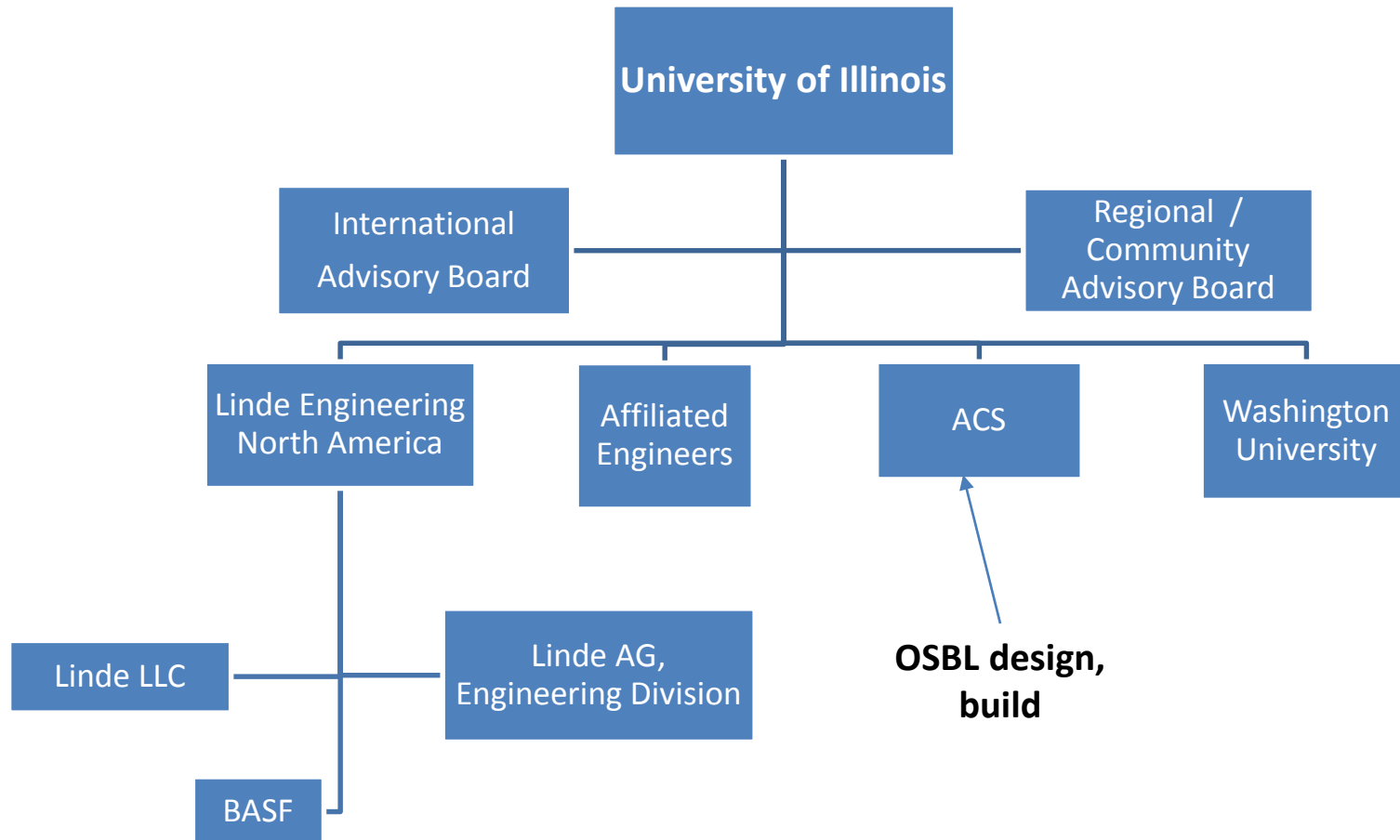
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*Added expertise in aerosols, OSBL procurement / construction, and dry-bed emissions reduction*



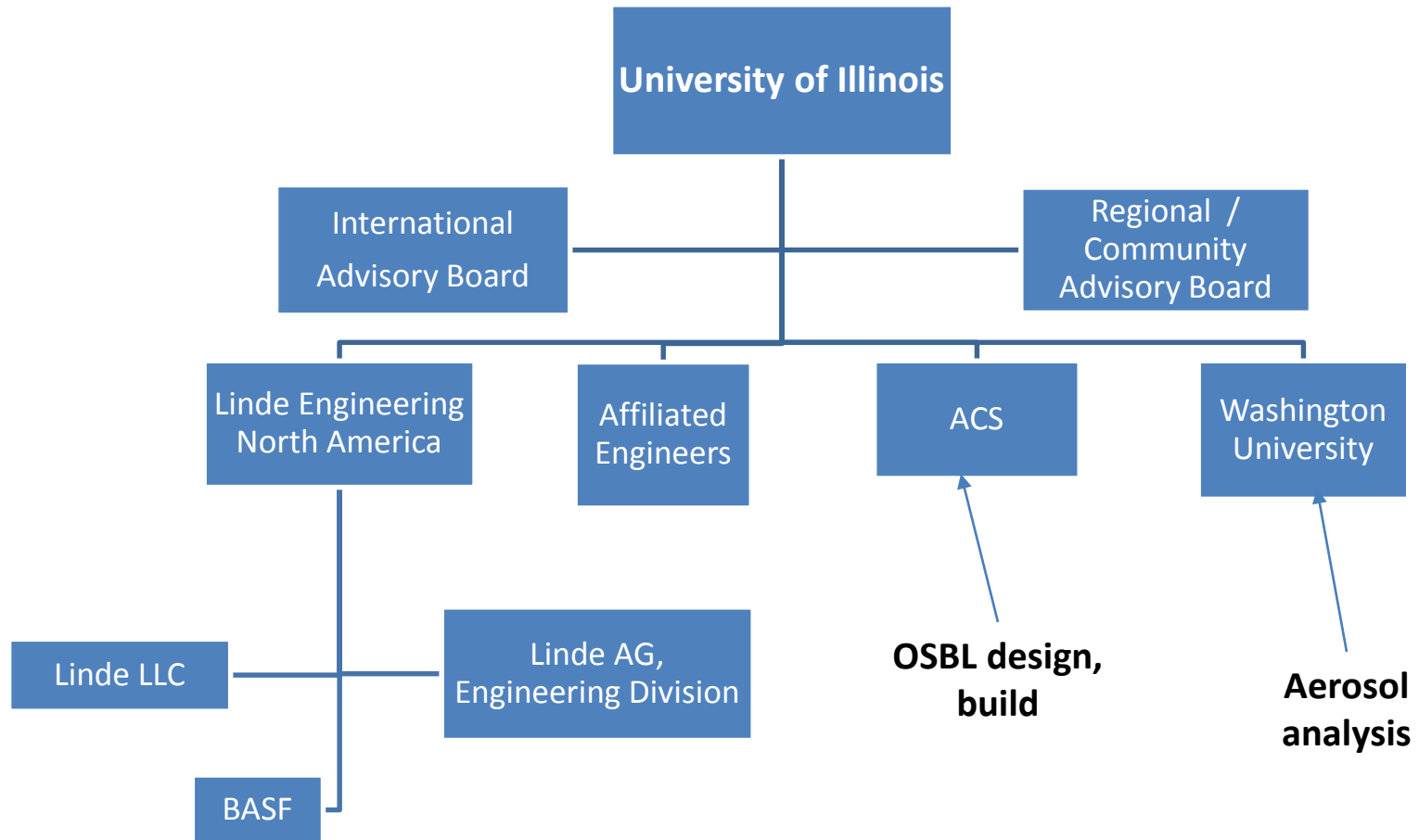
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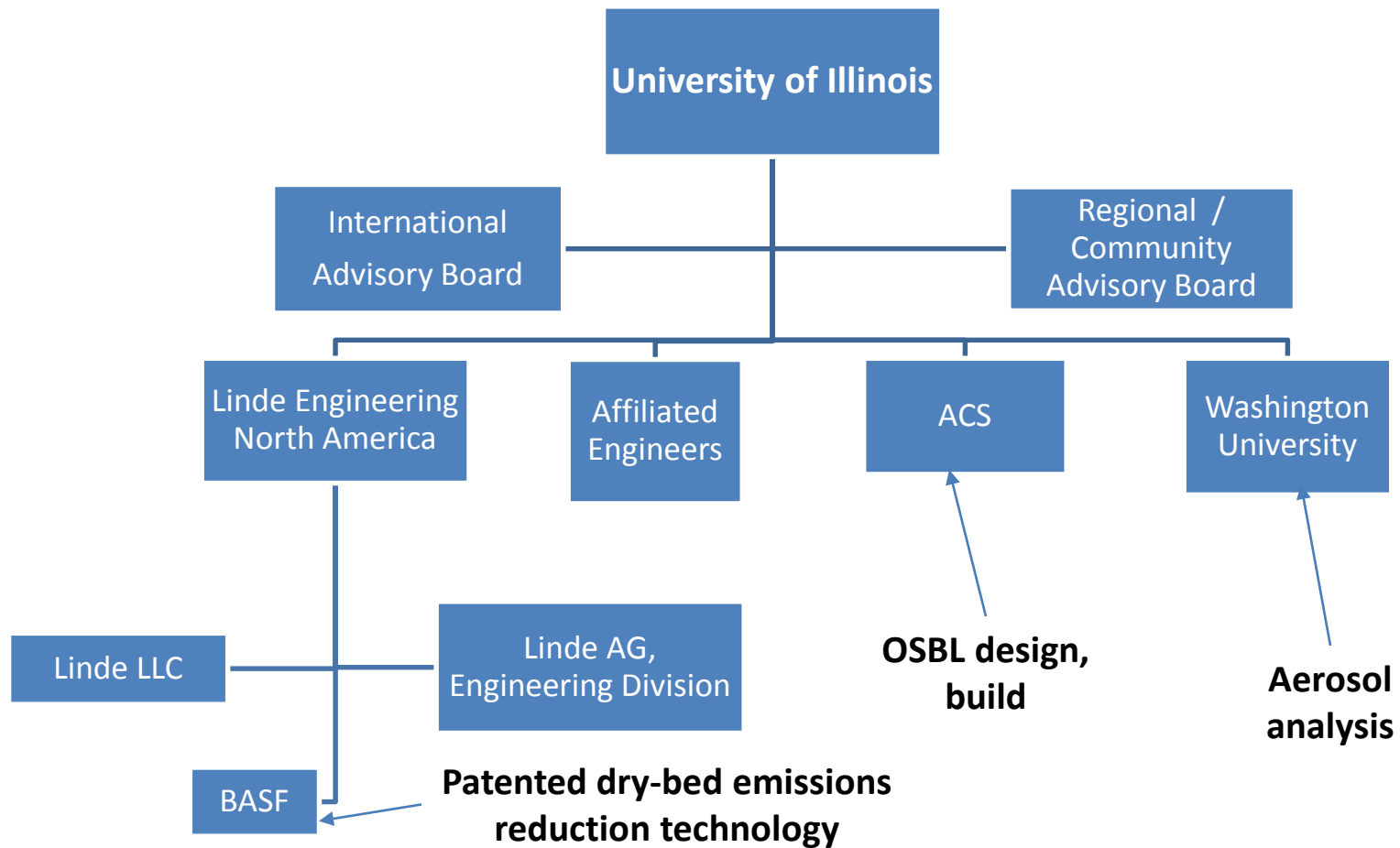
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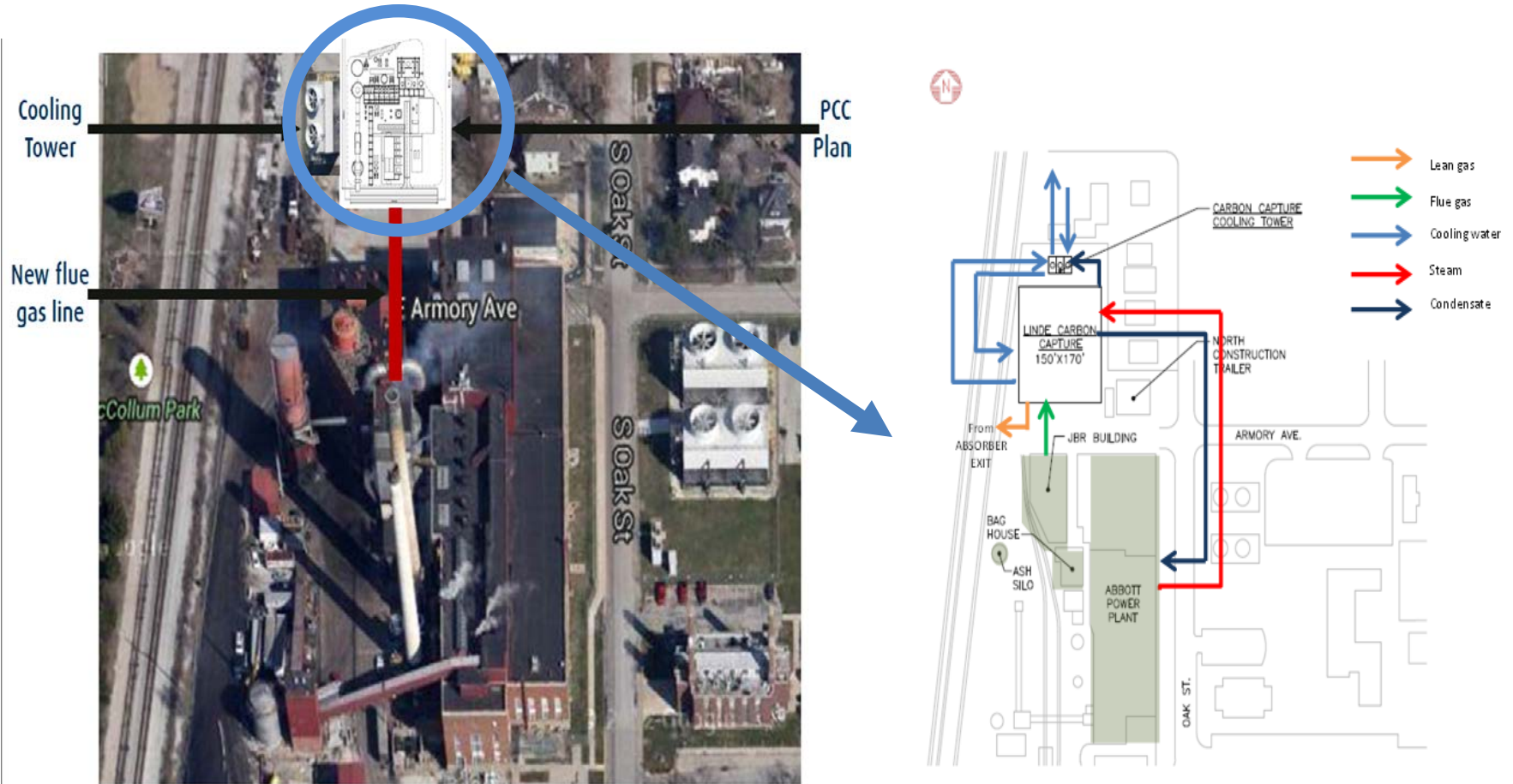
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# Task 5: Site for Carbon Capture Plant Established and Evaluated

*Located close to Abbott Power Plant*

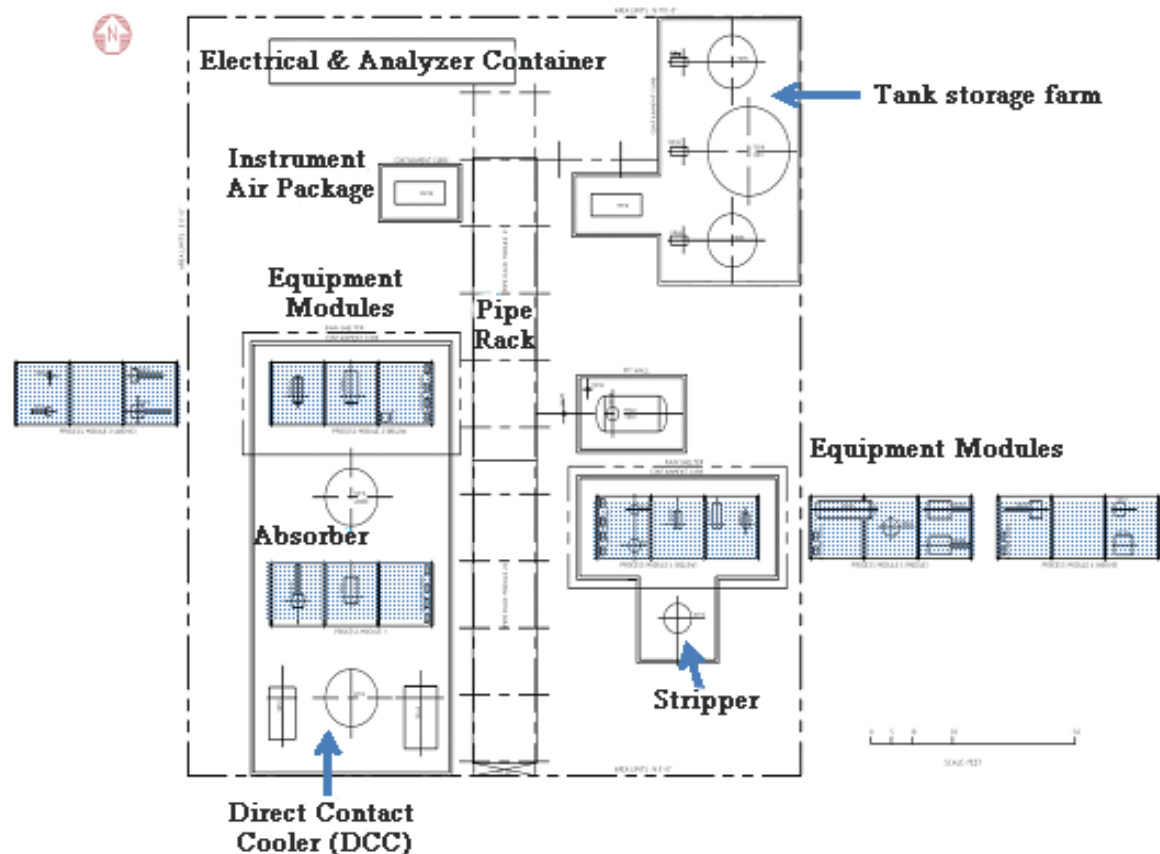


**Extract flue gas POST CEMS Unit**

# Task 5: Plot Plan for Capture Plant

160 ft. x 150 ft. footprint

No modifications to existing plant combustion system (i.e. boilers) considered a major risk reduction by Abbott Power Plant



# Task 4: Technology Gap Analysis and Risk Mitigation

Technology Gap	Steps to Close Gap
<b>Absorber Column design, size, scale-up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply Linde commercial experience from past column designs</li> <li>• Assess low cost column construction</li> <li>• Experience from large scale pilot will contribute to knowledge for full scale plant deployments</li> </ul>
<b>Flue gas composition variability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO2 recycle from stripper to absorber emulates higher CO2 compositions in flue gas</li> <li>• Direct contact cooler to manage higher SO2 conc. In flue gas</li> </ul>
<b>Load following strategy and response</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design load-following strategy for capture plant to enable fast response</li> </ul>
<b>Aerosol formation and solvent losses/carry-over</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, construct, test aerosol control module early in BP2</li> <li>• Measure particles and amine carry-over</li> </ul>
<b>Stripper interstage heating and advanced flash stripper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce reboiler duty by incorporating stripper interstage heating</li> <li>• Weigh reduction in energy consumption vs capital costs</li> </ul>
<b>Solvent Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess solvent recycle options</li> <li>• Test portable solvent reclaiming system</li> <li>• Develop solvent delivery and storage options using BASF's experience in other amine solvent applications</li> </ul>
<b>Water &amp; wastewater management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluate Reverse Osmosis option to treat blowdown water and reuse</li> <li>• Evaluate makeup water softening options</li> <li>• Evaluate the use of blowdown water from Abbott's cooling towers</li> <li>• Evaluate the use of flue gas condensate from DCC as process water</li> </ul>



# Task 3: Environmental Health & Safety Risk Mitigation

Safety & H Risk	Mitigation Approach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant operations safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied Linde's comprehensive "Safety by Design" guidelines</li> <li>Safety and operator training</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety issues arising from improper design and operations/ maintenance requirements not identified at design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Linde Gas Standard Requirements</li> <li>Comprehensive Hazard and Operability study (HAZOP)</li> <li>Comprehensive Process Safety Reviews (PSR)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process operations safety</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety instrumented systems</li> <li>Flow restriction and safety interlocks</li> <li>Automatic safe shutdown capability incorporated in the large pilot plant design</li> <li>Emergency power supply</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemical exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple eye wash and emergency showers</li> <li>Safe locations of vents and blow downs</li> <li>Proper sizing of relief valve and similar devices</li> <li>Catch pots for capturing any leaks during maintenance</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solvent handling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rigorous operating procedures including mandatory usage of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solvent storage (regulatory requirements)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSHA and EPA regulated chemicals with threshold storage volume for process safety management checked. Confirmed solvent is not part of the classified chemicals list with threshold volume.</li> </ul>



# Task 3: Permitting Strategy

## Illinois EPA: air and water

	Air	Water	
<b>Permit Type</b>	Construction	Construction Storm Water	Water Pollution Control
<b>Agency</b>	Illinois EPA	Illinois EPA	Illinois EPA
<b>Time for Processing</b>	6-9 months	3-5 months prior to construction	90 days
<b>Duration</b>	Valid for 12 months of construction, with possible extension	N/A	N/A
<b>Operation</b>	Covered under construction permit	Covered under construction permit	N/A
<b>Fees</b>	Up to \$10,000	\$250-\$750	TBD
<b>Issues</b>	Increased utilization; stakeholder concerns	Stakeholder concerns	TBD

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*UCSD: Local sanitary district*

<b>Permit</b>	Connection Permit
<b>Agency</b>	Urbana & Champaign Sanitary District (UCSD)
<b>Time for Processing</b>	Up to 1 month after IEPA Water Pollution Control Permit
<b>Operation</b>	N/A
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connection Fee: \$325/100 gallons*</li> <li>• Interceptor Cost Recovery Fee: \$325/100 gallons*</li> <li>• Base user Fee: \$0.6042/100 cf + User Surcharge – pretreatment credit (monthly charge based on actual volume and quality of discharge)</li> </ul>
<b>Issues:</b>	UCSD concerned about organic contaminants, heavy metals, ammonia
* anticipated May 2017 rate	

# Task 2: Process Performance and Cost Summary 550 MW

## Utilizing Illinois No. 6 Coal

**Table 4. Process performance and cost summary for DOE/NETL cases compared to Linde-BASF technologies**

Parameter	NETL Case 11	NETL Case 12	Linde Case LB1	Linde Case SIH
Scenario	No capture	CO <sub>2</sub> Capture with MEA	CO <sub>2</sub> Capture with OASE <sup>®</sup> blue	CO <sub>2</sub> Capture with OASE <sup>®</sup> blue and SIH
Net power output (MWe)	550	550	550	550
Gross power output (MWe)	580.3	662.8	638.9	637.6
Coal flow rate (tonne/hr)	186	257	236	232
Net HHV plant efficiency (%)	39.3%	28.4%	30.9%	31.4%
Total overnight cost (\$2011)	1,348	2,415	1,994	1,959
Cost of captured CO <sub>2</sub> with TS&M (\$/MT)	N/A	67	52	50
Cost of captured CO <sub>2</sub> without TS&M (\$/MT)	N/A	57	42	40
COE (mills/kWh) with TS&M cost included	81.0	147.3	128.5	126.5

**LB1 - Linde-BASF PCC plant incorporating BASF's OASE<sup>®</sup> blue aqueous amine-based solvent**  
**SIH - New Linde-BASF PCC plant incorporating the same BASF OASE<sup>®</sup> blue solvent featuring an advanced stripper inter-stage heater design**

Plans for Future Testing/ Development/ Commercialization

# PHASE III AND PROGRESS TOWARDS MARKET FORMATION



# Phase III: Center for CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization

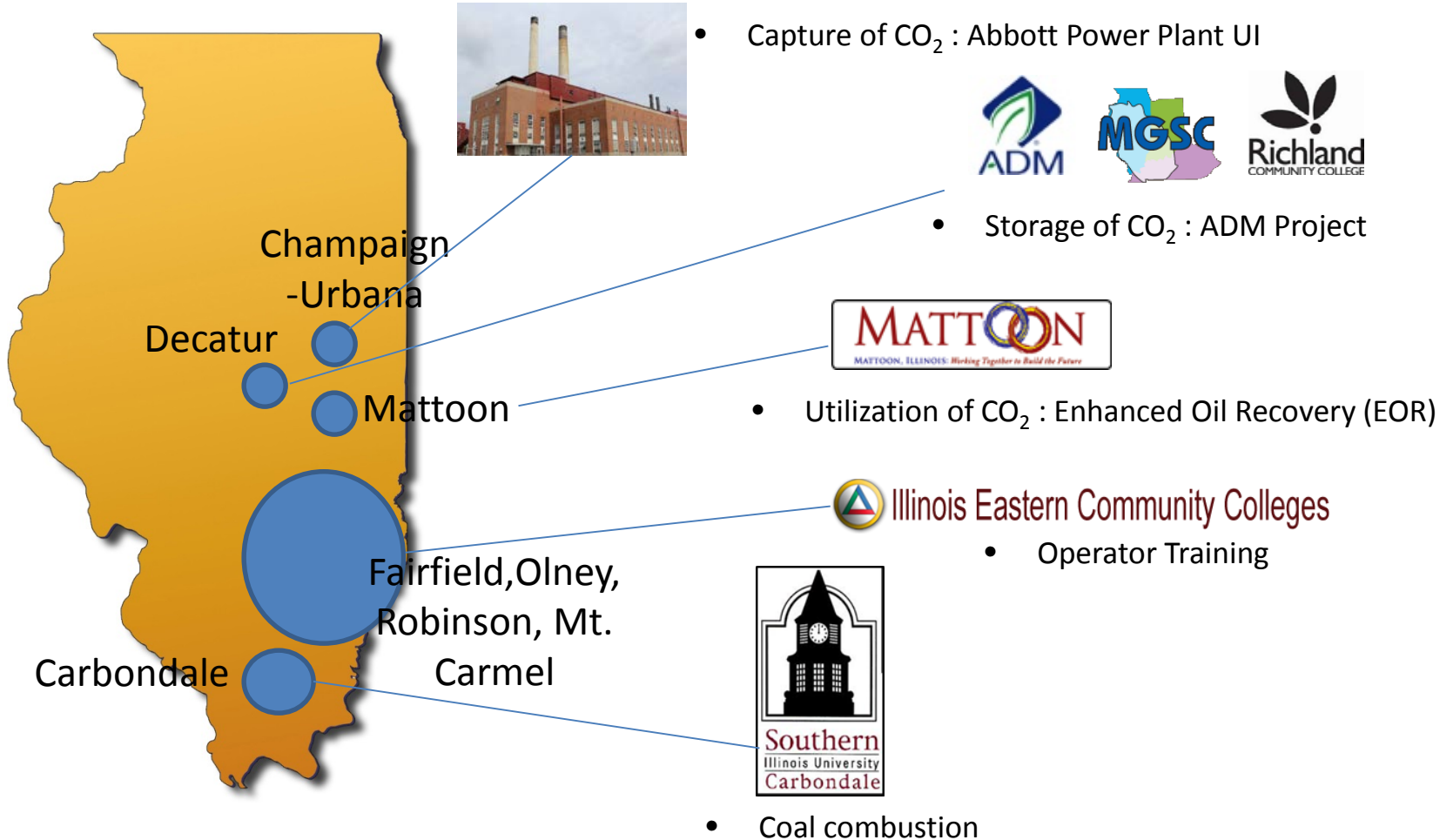
*Forming center to address market needs*

- Goal: Bring together university researchers and industry partners to examine large scale pilots to UTILIZE the captured CO<sub>2</sub>
- Looking for partners throughout the value chain, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub> users and CO<sub>2</sub> generators
- Looking for international partners willing to test large scale systems and share information
- Will include educational and workforce development components
- Developing research thrust areas now



# Regional & Global Test Bed for CCUS

*Concentration of natural resources and intellectual capital*



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