# Barriers to Private Finance in AFV and Fueling Infrastructure Deployment

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- Independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization
- Working to advance strong policy and action to address the twin challenges of energy and climate change
- Founded in 1998 as the Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- Became C2ES in 2011
- Named one of the world's top environmental think tanks in 2012 (Univ. of Pennsylvania survey)

## **Business Environmental Leadership Council (BELC)**







- Project overview
- Cost of capital
- Barriers to private investment in AFVs
- Starting to think about solutions

## **Project Motivation**



- Public benefits of alternative fuels not captured in private market today
  - Greenhouse gas reductions
  - Energy security
  - Local air quality
- Lack of available public funds for deployment; need new private funding mechanisms
- Exciting finance models are accelerating deployment of building efficiency and renewable energy technology

## **Project Timeline**



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Fuel savings

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Environmental & energy security benefits



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Target market

Cost structures & revenue streams

Implementation and/or demonstration guidance.

Test procedures



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Business model application to a particular market

Guidance including key players, policy actions, cost & benefit, & anticipated results.

Year 1





- What is the cost of capital?
- What increases the cost of capital for AFVs and infrastructure?
  - Legal, regulatory, and institutional barriers
  - Information-related barriers
  - Risk barriers
  - Scale barriers



# • ESCO and energy efficiency performance contracts

- Used for building energy efficiency upgrades
- Higher upfront cost of the technology, but lower operating cost
  Finance bridges gap
- Especially useful in the public sector

# • Possible AFV use: natural gas vehicles



## • Green banks

- Connecticut started green bank in 2011
- NY has announced \$1 billion green bank
- Leverage public money to attract larger private investment
- Credit Enhancements
  - What are they?
  - How do they help?
- Creating markets for new financial instruments

 Possible AFV use: new financial instruments like securitized assets

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