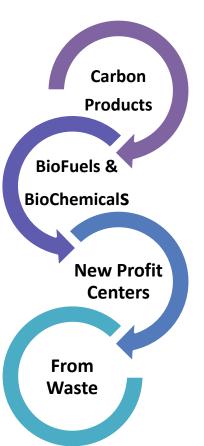
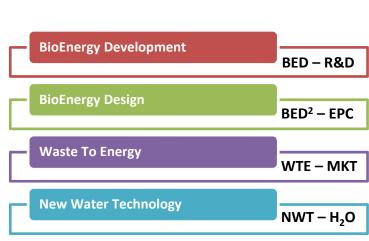
# FINANCING HUBBLES

### California Bioreources Alliance Symposium 2018













## LESSONS LEARNED

**Hire the Best** 

**Create Pilot Plant** 

**Solve Problems** with Technologies

**Engineers/Consultants** 

**Expensive – but Necessary** 

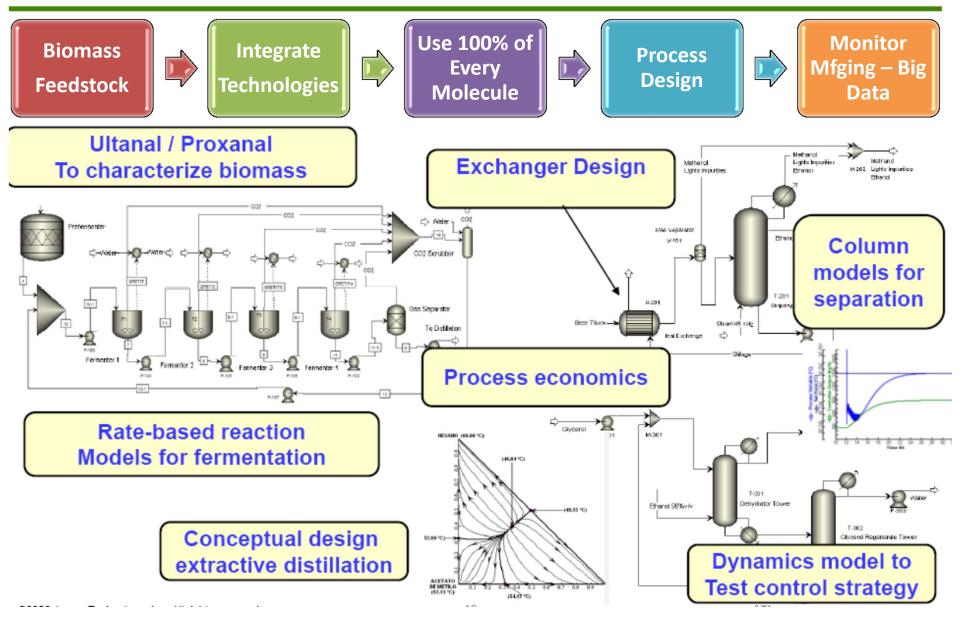
**Technology Agnostic** 







# Using Process Engineering Tools for BioRefinery Production Process Modeling





#### **Customized Engineering to Support BED Technologies**

#### **COMPLETE ENGINEERING SERVICES AND FEES**



Finance/ Planning/ R&D

- Feedstock Feasibility
- Production Yields
- Technology Assessment
- Preliminary Costs
- Potential Petrochemical substitute by-products
- Preliminary Financials



Conceptual Design

- **Equipment Design**
- Throughput Capacity
- · Preliminary Processing
- Capital Cost Estimation
- Suite of Technologies
  Assessment
- Carbon Footprint



Process Engineering

- Mass & Heat Balance
- Process Flow Design
- Simulation Analysis
- Process Economics
- Physical Properties
  Assessment
- Permitting Issues

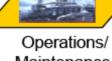


Detailed Engineering

- Process Control Design
- Detailed Equipment Design
- Infrastructure Design
- · Heat Exchange Design
- Finalize Process Flow
- Finalize Permits



- Equipment Layout
- Structural Stress
- Plant Layout Design
- Pipe/valve/tank Design
- Procurement
- Construction Design

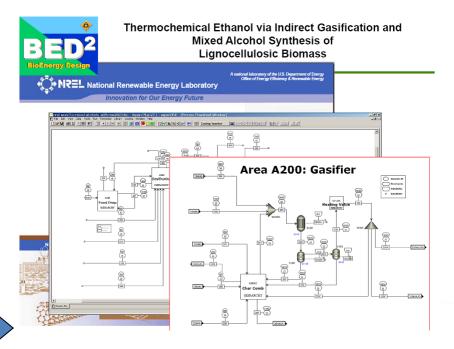


Operations/ Maintenance/ Asset Mgt

- Utility Assessment
- Training & Hiring Docs
- Monitor Operations
- Optimization & New Process Assessments
- Maintenance Monitor
- Expansion Assistance

### **BED<sup>2</sup> Assures Accuracy**

- Complete Audit Trail
- Largest Database to support operations/R&D/Costs
- Complete documentation for all permitting processes. All changes are made throughout thousands of pages of engineering docs & designs
- Simulations, finite element analysis, and other design critiques
- Dedicated engineering software



# THREE-LEGGED STOOL MODEL



**FEEDSTOCK AGREEMENT** 

**TECHNOLOGY** 

**OFF-TAKE AGREEMENT** 







# SEEK FINANCING



## EQUITY V DEBT







## Jeff Tolle

805-550-4673

sagevest@gmail.com

## **Financial Consultant**



#### STARTUP DEVELOPMENT PHASES



PRE-STARTUP

#### STARTUP

#### GROWTH

#### Ideation

Potential scalable product/service idea for big enough target market. Some initial revenue models for how it would make money. One person OR only vague team; no confirmed commitment and/or no right skills balance in the team structure yet

#### Concepting

Having clear and meaningful target with clear direction for min. 3 years with milestones to get there, -> 3, 6, 12, 24, 36 months... Having team of two or three core founding people with balanced ownership. Can also already have some extended team with lighter commitment (stock options and/or cash compensation)

#### Commitment

Committed & skills balanced founding team. Able to develop the product/service (Minimum Viable Product) without dependency of uncommitted external resources OR already have initial product/ service developed. Have signed shareholder agreement between founders, with milestones, committed time and money usage, for min. 2+ years with vesting etc.

#### Validation

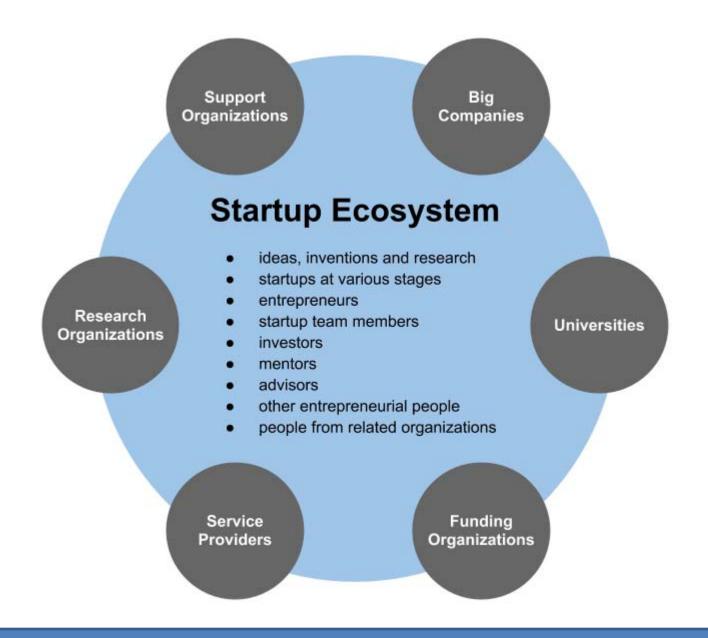
Can already show some user growth and/or revenue (initial traction). AND/OR continue to attract additional resources (money or sweat equity) for equity or future revenues. Looking for clear market validation (Product Market Fit), to be able to move into scaling.

#### Scaling

Showing clear, growing and measurable user/market traction in big or rapidly growing target market. Can and want to scale fast. AND/OR is able to attract significant funding.

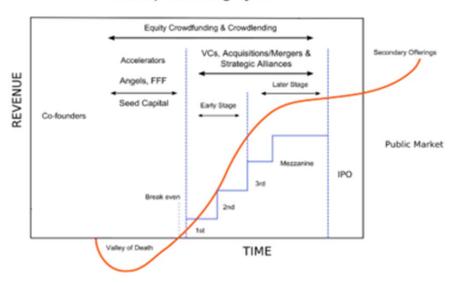
#### **Establishing**

Achieved great growth, that can expected to continue strong. No longer need to "try" get resources and can get those easily. Continue to grow and often wants to culturally continue behaving like a "startup" for as long as possible. Founders make exit or continue biz as usual.



# SEEK FINANCING

#### Startup Financing Cycle



# POCUMENTATION

Contracts

Business

Engineering

Business Plan - Financials