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Participant organisation names	Project title	Proposed project costs	Proposed project grant
ICAX Ltd London South Bank University Star Refrigeration Ltd Upside Energy Ltd Mixergy Ltd Origen Power Ltd Cranfield University Greater London Authority Winckworth Sherwood LLP Terra Firma Ground Investigation Ltd Singleton Birch Ltd Interface Europe Ltd	Balanced Energy Networks	£3,994,617	£2,915,904

Project description - provided by applicants

The Balanced Energy Networks project will deliver both a physical and digital network to integrate systems that will enable the balancing of heating, cooling, electricity, and carbon, in a way that minimises costs. Addressing the energy trilemma - delivering security of supply, at low cost, and with low carbon emissions - is a key requirement for achieving a sustainable and prosperous economy. The Balanced Energy Networks project will build a working demonstration of the integrated system at London South Bank University (LSBU). This will involve the construction of an inter-seasonal thermal storage system to balance the production of heating and cooling throughout the year. It will also create a bi-directional network to balance electricity supply and demand. Attached to these physical and information and control networks will be a range of innovative technologies including one which can both generate electricity and remove carbon dioxide from the air, allowing the overall system to be carbon neutral.

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Siemens PLC Blueprint Limited Partnership A.T. Kearney Ltd URBED (Urbanism Environment and Design Ltd) Stickyworld Ltd Smartklub Ltd Solar Ready Ltd University of Nottingham Loughborough University Slamjam Ltd	Project Notch	£4,987,638	£3,352,451

Project description - provided by applicants

Project Notch looks to accelerate the adoption of Community Energy Systems (CES). CES is a different way of generating and supplying heat and electricity to homes and commercial buildings - locally produced energy is used locally with minimal or no use of the national grid. The benefits are reduced cost and more efficient use of distributed renewables to reduce the overall carbon emissions from the energy system. Most of the necessary technologies are available but they are too expensive for consumers to invest in themselves and the business model is not in place that shows companies how they will make a return, so they don't invest. Project Notch starts with a blank sheet of paper: a new housing development in Nottingham's Trent Basin. It brings together all the companies involved in the energy supply chain with the potential buyers of up to 120 homes on site. Involving heat and electricity the aim is to operate independent of the gas and electric grids. Using novel consumer engagement tools and a focus on business model development the consortium will develop and test business model templates that could be used by any developers of large scale housing projects.

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Intelligent Maintenance Systems Ltd Tesco Stores Ltd University of Lincoln The Grimsby Institute (GIFHE)	The development of dynamic energy control mechanisms for food retailing refrigeration systems	£5,282,219	£3,541,748
Project description - provided by applicants			
<p>The National Grid is operating under a very narrow generating margin of 5%. Network distribution infrastructure is aging and expensive to replace. The Grid is being challenged by an ever increasing input of renewable generation systems which do not provide a consistent load. To stabilise the Grid it is now a strategic priority to develop markets which help the Grid control demand as well as supply, so called demand side responses (DSR). However, large scale demonstration projects are required to establish industry interest and confidence in DSR mechanisms. In this demonstration we will develop and deliver systems which can enable food retailing refrigeration systems to be linked to DSR tariffs. This is a challenging project as food retailers are typically operating massive networks of machines distributed throughout the UK. Any changes to refrigerator operational performance must also be conducted without infringing or jeopardising food safety. However, safe delivery of DSR to food refrigeration systems could have significant impact. The cold chain in the UK is currently thought to consume 14% of all electricity generated.</p>			

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