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# Electrify Nevada Accelerator Powered by gener8tor announces Fall 2025 Cohorts in Reno, Las Vegas

**LAS VEGAS & RENO**, **Nev.** - The Electrify Nevada Accelerator powered by gener8tor today announced the 11 startups selected for its Fall 2025 cohorts in Las Vegas and Reno.

The accelerator is a partnership among the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and global venture firm gener8tor to drive clean energy innovation and foster the growth of early-stage companies advancing battery storage, sustainable infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and circular economy technologies.

"Our office has been strategically positioning the Electrify Nevada Accelerator to strengthen both the NSF Engines and EDA Tech Hub initiatives in our state," said Karsten Heise, GOED's senior director of strategic programs and innovation. "Nevada, through UNLV and DRI, is part of the first-ever awarded NSF Engine, the Futures Engine in the Southwest, and UNR leads both the EDA TechHub and the Recharge Nevada Initiative. We seek founders in the new energy-technology field, from advanced battery systems to new materials, to create and build their startup in Nevada and strengthen our innovation systems in these critical technologies for economic development impact and national security."

As part of the cohorts, participating startups receive mentorship, investment opportunities, and access to an international network of investors, researchers, and corporate partners. By bridging together two innovation hubs—Las Vegas and Reno—the program is positioning Nevada as a national leader in clean energy commercialization and workforce development.

"UNLV is proud to collaborate with gener8tor and GOED on this initiative that aligns perfectly with UNLV's economic development and diversification efforts," added Zach Miles, Interim Vice President for Economic Development at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "By supporting these startups, we're helping to translate ideas into impactful innovations and creating hi-value jobs for our students and the citizens of Nevada."

# Las Vegas Fall 2025 Cohort

**Decentral AI -** Empowers enterprises to deploy AI at scale through a unified platform that manages, routes, and monitors models across diverse tools—enhancing transparency, security, and efficiency. The company has launched in beta, secured strategic partners, and reached \$372K in ARR.

**Edison XFC** - Pioneering the future of EV infrastructure with extreme fast-charge (XFC) systems that integrate solar generation, advanced battery storage, and energy management software to deliver 80% EV charging as little as 10 minutes. Edison has broken ground on its first charging center, opening in Q1 2026.

**GreenChain Incentives -** An on-chain payments platform helping utilities in emerging markets modernize revenue collection via secure digital wallets and cryptocurrencies. Its WattzPay pilot program enables measurable cost savings and greater financial inclusion.

**Naycel** - Converting abundant natural gas into battery-grade graphite and clean hydrogen at a fraction of current costs—strengthening U.S. energy independence. Naycel is building its first multi-ton demo unit and has expanded its IP portfolio through strategic industry partnerships.

**SorbiForce -** Developing a non-metal battery architecture that combines real-time power quality control with energy storage for data centers, utilities, and commercial sites. SorbiForce has received non-dilutive funding from Google for Startups and is a 2025 S&P Global Platts "Rising Star" finalist.

**X-Regen -** Extending EV battery life with patented X-ray regeneration technology that reduces demand for scarce metals. The company licenses to auto dealerships and repair shops, enabling affordable, in-house restoration.

#### Reno Fall 2025 Cohort

**Carbo Energy -** Building scalable, long-duration batteries using recycled industrial waste and repurposed oil infrastructure. Carbo Energy's non-flammable, flow batteries offer higher energy densities, a 20+ year lifespan, and are fully recyclable.

**Metal Light -** Delivering a breakthrough Zinc Energy Storage System that uses "metal as a fuel" for cleaner, safer, and more flexible energy storage. Ideal for both load shifting and base-load power delivery.

**SBR Technologies** - Developing energy storage, power management AI, and autonomous charging systems that improve energy efficiency and reliability in demanding environments for defense and civilian applications.

**SolarMantle -** Commercializing a patent-pending Passive Daytime Radiative Cooling (PDRC) material that reflects 96% of sunlight and emits 93% of heat to the sky—cooling surfaces up to 25°F below ambient temperature without electricity.

**Wilson Engineering -** Transforming waste heat into cooling power with its RefJet® technology–directly converting heat into cooling power without traditional compressors.

"The Electrify Nevada Accelerator is catalyzing innovation that will define Nevada's clean energy future," said Ryan Jeffery, Senior Managing Director of Sustainability at gener8tor. "These founders are tackling challenges that are critical to our energy transition—from long-duration storage and grid optimization to scalable AI infrastructure and next-generation materials."

For more information or to connect with cohort companies, visit www.gener8tor.com/nevada.

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## **About gener8tor**

gener8tor is a global venture firm and accelerator network that supports startups, workers, employers, artists and musicians across race, place and gender. gener8tor partners with companies, governments, universities and nonprofits to operate accelerator programs and conferences in more than 46 communities across 25 states and three countries. *Fast Company* named gener8tor one of the Best Workplaces for Innovators in 2021 and 2022. The International Trade Council recognized gener8tor as the Global Venture Capital Firm of the Year in 2022.

### **About the Governor's Office of Economic Development**

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the <u>Governor's Office of Economic Development</u> is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development.

### About the University of Nevada, Las Vegas

UNLV is a public, urban research institution that holds the nation's highest recognition for both research and community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching – R1, the gold standard for research institutions. These distinctions underscore UNLV's vision to become one of the nation's premier public universities for research, education, and community impact.

### About the U.S. Economic Development Administration

The U.S. Economic Development Administration's investment policy is designed to establish a foundation for sustainable job growth and the building of durable regional economies throughout the United States. This foundation builds upon two key economic drivers - innovation and regional collaboration. Innovation is key to global competitiveness, new and better jobs, a resilient economy, and the attainment of national economic goals. Regional collaboration is essential for economic recovery because regions are the centers of competition in the new global economy and those that work together to leverage resources and use their strengths to overcome weaknesses will fare better than those that do not. EDA encourages its partners around the country to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions.