

Researchers trying to turn carbon into things they can sell

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What if the billions of tons of carbon dioxide pumped out by the world's power plants could be converted into something that's more useful? Ten teams will split \$5 million to test ways to do just that.

The researchers are developing systems that break down the greenhouse gases to make products ranging from building materials to plastics to chemical feedstocks. They were all named as finalists in the NRG COSIA Carbon XPrize competition, during a session at the BNEF Future of Energy Summit in New York.

The goal is an economically viable system to convert emissions from power plants into commercial product.

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