



Transitioning to Private-Sector Financing: Characteristics of Success

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Bibliogov, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The purpose of this paper is to help entrepreneurs commercialize clean energy, technology-based products. We hope that by shedding light on the private capital investment process and the characteristics and strategies of entrepreneurs who obtain financing, we can assist and encourage others to do the same. Entrepreneurs often assume financial hurdles will be significantly lower once they have perfected their technology. Many are surprised to learn about the business requirements that must be addressed - beyond having a great technology - to attract the interest of the venture-capital community. In a classic chicken-and-egg scenario, energy entrepreneurs need private financing to turn their new technology into marketable products; but private financiers often want marketable products and a well-rounded business plan before they risk any funds. How can these hurdles be overcome? What do successful entrepreneurs have in common besides a good technology? We have found that successful clean energy entrepreneurs: 1) Take time to understand and involve the financial community early in the developmental process, 2) Strengthen business fundamentals early in the commercialization process, thereby significantly increasing value in...

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