

Accelerate at VERGE 23

Accelerate at VERGE 23 is a fast-pitch competition featuring Seed to Series A startups with innovative technologies, products and services in carbon, energy, food, transportation, and buildings. Selected finalists pitch from the VERGE stage to thousands of business, government and thought leaders.



The Perks

- **Funding***: First place will win \$20,000 from GreenBiz in the form of a SAFE. Second and third place will each win \$10,000.
- **Networking**: Receive a complimentary ticket to VERGE 23 and connect with attendees throughout the three-day, in-person event.
- **Global exposure**: Pitch in person at VERGE 23 in San Jose, CA, amplifying you and your solution to thousands of professionals building the climate tech economy.
- **Corporate Connections**: Main stage finalists pitch directly to our 100+ member [GreenBiz Executive Network](#) during a virtual convening after VERGE.
- **Direct Introductions**: Receive live feedback from industry experts, giving you direct exposure to investors, corporate and decision-makers with deep experience working with entrepreneurs.
- **Ongoing exposure**: Beyond the live event, finalists will benefit from broad amplification via [GreenBiz.com](#) editorial coverage, the GreenBiz 350 podcast and published videos of the pitches.

Additional Perks

- Opportunity to be selected for ABInBev's [100+ Accelerator](#). Available for one finalist in the food/ag category. Startup selection is at the discretion of the ABInBev team.
- Accelerate at VERGE Winner has the opportunity to join the [Climate Vine](#) community for free (\$2,990 value). Climate Vine is an interdisciplinary community that unlocks ideas, talent and capital for experts in climate. Entrepreneurs meet other climate entrepreneurs, potential investors, customers, and hires, and also expand their networks to scientists, policy experts and more around the world.
- Winner receives a free ticket to next year's VERGE 24.

Sponsorship

- Winner receives a 10% discount code for an expo booth for next year's VERGE 24.

**Only US companies are eligible for funding from GreenBiz. Accelerate winners are determined by the most audience votes in the event app.*