#### TITLE

# Pulsed Electrochemical Deposition of Ordered Intermetallic Carbon Composites for Advanced Electrocatalytic Applications

# CASE NUMBER

#### **VALUE PROPOSITION**

» The inventors' method can be used to prepare metastable and equilibrium phases of metal salts onto carbon in a single step.

#### **UNMET NEED**

- » Fuel cells require high loadings of precious metals such as Pt and Pd to support catalytic activity and stability of the cell, but metastable alloys have recently emerged as high-performance catalysts.
- » There is a need for a method of manufacturing nanostructured metastable ordered intermetallic compounds for use in fuel cells.

#### **TECHNICAL OVERVIEW**

- » The inventors have developed a method for synthesizing sub-15 nm metastable ordered intermetallic Pb31Bi12 nanoparticles.
- » They can be synthesized at room temperature, in a single step by pulsed electrochemical deposition onto high surface area carbon supports.
- » Current techniques utilize high temperature annealing to decompose metal salts onto carbon supports, but this method is slow and only equilibrium phases are usually accessed.

#### **STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT**

» A proof of concept study has been completed.

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# TECHNOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

- » Electrical Engineering
- » Engineering

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