## Groundbreaking Hydro Prize – Results

The Groundbreaking Hydro Prize encouraged the development of new ideas to cut the costs, timelines, and risks associated with small hydropower foundation development. The prize is now concluded.

This single-phase prize solicited solutions to address key challenges faced in one or more of the three hydropower foundation development phases: geotechnical site assessment, foundation design, and foundation construction. Two teams were selected as winners at the conclusion of the prize: the Groundbreaking Prize winner was awarded $50,000 and the Innovator Prize winner was awarded $25,000.

**Groundbreaking Prize**

Team: GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc and Littoral Power Systems, Terra-Modular Project

* Concept: Prefabrication of a modular hydropower foundation for a wide range of soils and substructures.

**Innovator Prize**

Team: Team Chemventive, WaterJet Drill with a Deep Array of Anchor Cables Concept

* Concept: Deep array of high-tension cables drilled through solid rock, using a water-jet drilling robot, to secure a steel dam in tension.