

“Xcelerating” Black Climate Startups in Portland

The **NWXcelerator (NWX)** is a climate tech business accelerator tailored for entrepreneurs from Black and underserved communities.

The **NWX Launch Team** is a collaboration between **NWX**, **VertueLab**, and the **Port of Portland** to develop and build a culturally-specific, non-extractive acceleration support ecosystem for climate solutions innovators from Black and underserved communities.

Specifically, our **project aims** to accelerate the successful launch of the NWX by:

- a) increasing participation in climate solutions within Black communities, and*
- b) developing the NWX program curriculum*



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Career in infrastructure development in excluded communities; culture and systems transformation; community participation, facilitation; 15 years in Oregon public sector. Creator of the racial equity in child welfare (2010), Breaking the Code (2019).



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Environmental justice researcher, organizer and influencer; Founder of Black Man, Green Plan, LLC., Renewable energy consultation, design, and installation



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Economic Development, Community Development, nonprofit governance, strategic planning; Co-Founder of My People’s Market. Brings added staff support from the Port: commercial real estate, finance, legal, planning & facility management.