

RESEARCH • COLLABORATION • INNOVATION

Transforming research discoveries into clean-tech jobs and economic prosperity



Working with university researchers, businesses, and entrepreneurs, we transform research discoveries into new clean-tech jobs, helping businesses succeed, so they can hire people to solve energy and environmental problems by doing the work Oregon is known for... the world's finest in sustainability.

Build. Convene. Accelerate.

Oregon BEST invests strategically in **programs that transform white lab coat research into green collar jobs by helping grow university research revenue, driving commercialization of new technologies, and ensuring Oregon's green economy thrives.** In our first three years, we helped our Member Faculty (200 and counting) transform \$5 million of initial investment from Oregon BEST into more than \$40 million in research revenue for Oregon. Our Member Faculty in turn are helping dozens of companies develop, test, and deploy new products (which creates jobs). Our programs achieve these remarkable results in three ways:

BUILD: Building our state's research assets through networking and investments in labs and research

CONVENE: Increasing interactions through events and working groups that forge greater ties and result in "Informed Innovation"

ACCELERATE: Supporting the business and technology development of companies taking university technologies, and their own, to market





“Oregon BEST is putting the state of Oregon at the epicenter of the green building/design revolution by forging industry-university partnerships that spin-out new ideas, technologies, and products that power Oregon’s economy and help the planet.”

DENNIS WILDE, GERDING EDLEN DEVELOPMENT,
CHAIR, OREGON BEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Experience the power of collaboration

	BUILD	CONVENE	ACCELERATE
INDUSTRY	A university-based network of Oregon BEST Shared-User Research Facilities available for R&D by private companies, nonprofits, and government agencies	Topical working meetings that pull together companies and researchers with shared interests in research and innovation	A Commercialization Grant Program that invests in industry-university teams working together to commercialize research discoveries
	A growing list of 200 Oregon BEST Member Faculty who are experts in their fields and available to consult on both technical and business strategies within clean energy and sustainable built environment industries	A Sustainable Built Environment Consortium made up of regional member companies and organizations that are ensuring Oregon’s leadership position in the built environment	Business outreach, mentoring, and connections to external resources to ensure strong technologies have an opportunity to reach the market and achieve financial success
UNIVERSITY FACULTY	Enhanced support for research proposals, including our Proposal Matching Program	Collaboration opportunities with other Oregon BEST Member Faculty	Engagement in research projects led by Oregon BEST’s Industry Stakeholders
	Access to the network of Oregon BEST Shared-User Research Facilities	Engagement in applied research through demonstration projects such as the Oregon Sustainability Center	Access to our Commercialization Grant Program to help move research out of labs and ready for venture funding
	Notice of relevant federal and other research funding opportunities	Input opportunities to provide valuable insight into market needs, research programs, and industry trends – to help research be relevant and impactful	Connections to industry leaders and entrepreneurs to provide research collaboration and support in bringing discoveries to market

We grow innovation. Innovation drives business. Businesses create jobs.

Oregon BEST is an independent, nonprofit research center dedicated to transforming research discoveries into clean-tech jobs for Oregonians.

We work in a unique role, exercising a powerful lever outside of, but connected with, existing programs and systems to promote the effective expansion of renewable energy as well as green buildings and communities.

We make targeted, strategic investments in facilities, projects, and people positioned to have maximum impact on Oregon's green economy and meet our state's most important public needs. We build intellectual assets through investments and networking; we convene experts to promote informed innovation; and we accelerate business success by mentoring startup businesses and investing in projects that help them move closer to private investment and customer revenue.

We serve the people, the environment, and the economy of Oregon — a state leading America in green job creation by tackling the nation's biggest energy and environmental challenges.