

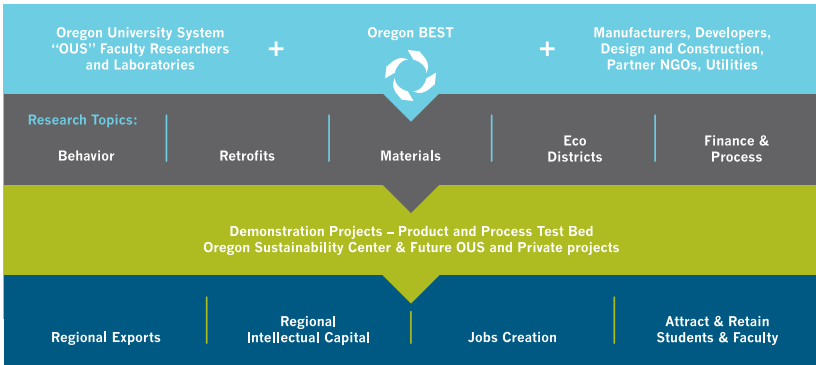
Sustainable Built Environment Research Consortium

Oregon BEST facilitates industry and university collaboration to pool resources and direct Oregon's green building research agenda

The Oregon BEST Sustainable Built Environment Research Consortium harnesses Industry expertise to strategically invest funding aggregated from industry, public, and foundation sources in shared research and commercialization efforts.

In doing so, the Consortium channels the abilities and interests of its participants into highly focused and effective activities resulting in deployment in demonstration projects that speed market uptake, create jobs, increase regional exports, and attract new talent to Oregon's businesses and universities. This model ensures that investments are cost-effective, well-managed, and are consistent with the needs of the marketplace.

Oregon BEST created the Consortium in response to a growing need for a mechanism to drive collaborations between industry and universities. This allows companies to pool their investments to proactively drive research according to their shared needs and priorities, rather than in reaction to the needs of existing projects – a forward-thinking research model that can otherwise be cost-prohibitive and intimidating for individual companies.



The pooled investments from Consortium members and research grants will fund research on topics of shared interest, as well as a demonstration test bed that provides proof of concept for innovative emerging products and technologies in the built environment.

Benefits to Consortium Members include:

- Opportunity to participate in Demonstration Test Bed
- Representation on Industry Advisory Board– which determines research projects to be funded
- Collaborative research opportunities via working groups and focused research projects
- Attendance at Bi-annual Consortium Industry Advisory Board Forum

“The Consortium creates a practical, living laboratory to collaboratively prove out innovations in sustainability and energy efficiency.”

LORIE WIGLE, GENERAL MANAGER, ECO-TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OFFICE, INTEL

Membership fees are based on the type and size of the member organization. To find out more, please visit oregonbest.org, contact Johanna Brickman, Sustainable Built Environment Program Manager, at jo.brickman@oregonbest.org, or call 503.725.9641.