

ETIC Governance Proposal (HB4020)

Oregon University System Chancellor's Office

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ETIC History

The Engineering and Technology Industry Council (ETIC) was established in 1997 by the Oregon Legislature through <u>SB504</u> (ORS 351.663; ORS 351.666) to establish criteria and measurements that will be used for determining investments made from the Oregon Engineering Education Investment Fund.

Mission:

Make post-secondary engineering and technology education a strategic resource that fuels the Oregon economy and creates opportunity for all Oregonians.

Vision:

Oregon's engineering & technology education and research programs are strategic assets for Oregon's economy and Oregon's residents by:

- Providing businesses a competitive advantages in the global economy;
- Providing unique programs that meet the needs of Oregon's industry clusters;
- Attracting resources to Oregon from throughout the world;
- Dramatically increasing the number of bachelors, masters, and PhDs
- Performing innovative research that gives businesses a competitive advantage.



Existing ETIC Baseline Goals

Building Oregon's Economy through Investing in Engineering Education & Research

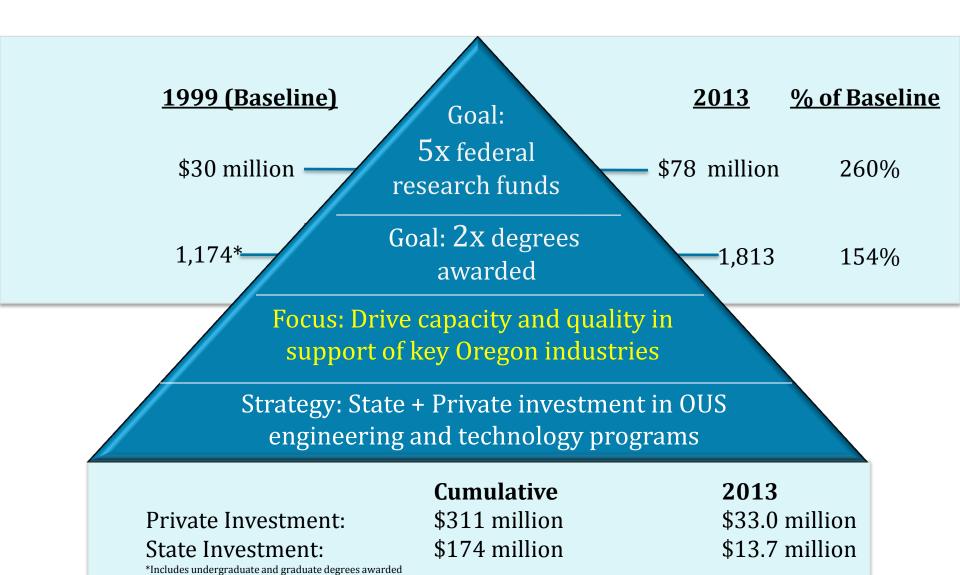
Goal:
5x federal
research funds

Goal: 2x degrees awarded

Focus: Drive capacity and quality in support of key Oregon industries

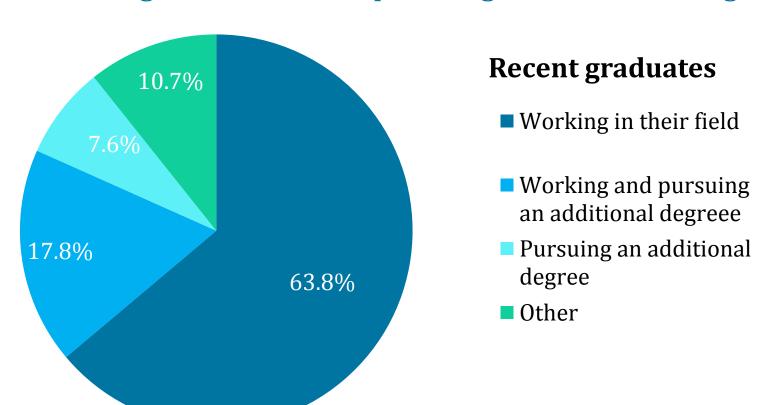
Strategy: State + Private investment in OUS engineering and technology programs

ETIC Baseline Goals and Results



High wage employment for Oregonians with critically needed skills

89% of recent ETIC funded alumni surveyed from OIT, OSU and PSU are working in their field or pursuing an additional degree.



ETIC Challenges and Directions

Shared public and private investment to:

Prepare Oregonians for high paying technology jobs

Number & diversity of graduates

Support competitiveness of Oregon technology industry

Match programs to industry needs and shortages

Research to enhance Oregon industry competitiveness

- Leverage State investment with private support from industry
- Foster continued growth of federal research funding

Investment in ETIC will continue the important momentum developed over the past decade and contribute significantly to the economic well-being of Oregon's economy and citizens!

Education system reform prompts ETIC redesign...

- ETIC was legislated and designed to operate within the educational system structure under the OUS.
- ETIC has very engaged and strategically-oriented industry members that are already responding to take advantage of the new educational structure and its implementation.
- At this time, ETIC is asking for approximately one year at the OEIB to explore options about how to appropriately plug into the new system.
 - Requires legislative action to make this possible...



Benefits of year to redesign...

- May provide opportunity for unified state strategic collaboration.
 - ETIC's mission may be served through a broader strategic structure that includes HECC, OregonInC/OEDD, OWIB and others.
 - The work within the HECC on redesigning investment approach in higher education is a positive development for ETIC and will affect the Council's approach moving forward. ETIC expects to collaborate closely with the HECC.
- Will develop proposal for next biennium for how to move forward with ETIC's mission.



OEIB is the best temporary location

- OEIB's mission is broad and strategic, which matches ETIC's goals.
- OEIB and STEM Investment Council connection—provides the right environment for exploring strategic options.
 - STEM Council advises the OEIB; ETIC is an example of a strategic STEM investment.
 - There are three current/former ETIC members of the nine STEM Council members.



Questions that have been raised...

Will this divert investment away from higher education?

- ETIC legislation criteria for investments ensures higher-ed support won't be redirected to K-12 or other purposes.
- OEIB has a PK-20 mandate.

Why not the HECC right now?

- Allow time to ensure that ultimate structure fits well with the emerging understanding of the HECC's scope.
- Explore options for realizing ETIC mission in conjunction with other agencies.

Why not have ETIC stay at the OUS?

- The OUS has worked diligently over the past year to relocate all of the statewide initiatives to appropriate statewide homes.
- It is a potential conflict of interest to have a small board for the regionals and technical universities oversee investments made primarily to the large research universities.



Summary of changes:

	OEEIF/ETIC Authority	ETIC Operational Support
Current	State Board of Higher Ed; Chancellor of OUS	OUS
Future	Oregon Education Investment Board; Chief Education Officer	Transition and collaboration between OUS and OEIB with existing budget. Supports the part-time Executive Director, part-time administrative support and office space. Should be cost neutral for FY2015.

This plan is accepted by:

- Dr. Nancy Golden (OEIB)
- Ben Cannon (HECC)
- Dr. Melody Rose (OUS)



Work leading to this proposal...

- **As of the end of the 2013 session**, with the reduced and uncertain mission of OUS in the future, OUS and ETIC industry councilors recognized that ETIC needed a new administrative home.
- During summer and fall, the ETIC Council reviewed, debated, and discussed different paths with critical stakeholders, including industry, universities, OUS, OEIB, HECC.
- **Industry representatives from ETIC** briefed Rep. Harker on the challenges and possible solutions in the third quarter of 2013.
- Industry representatives developed a move forward proposal consistent with stakeholder viewpoints.



Request / Support for HB 4020

 This request is to move the fund authority to OEIB and redirect ETIC to advise the OEIB.



Questions?

