

RESEARCH • COLLABORATION • INNOVATION

Transforming research discoveries into cleantech jobs and economic prosperity



Working with university researchers, businesses, and entrepreneurs, we transform research discoveries into new cleantech jobs. We help 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 lab research into jobs by helping grow university research revenue, driving commercialization of new technologies, and ensuring Oregon's economy thrives.** In our first six years, we helped our Oregon BEST Member Faculty (220 and counting) and Companies transform each dollar of state support for Oregon BEST into over ten dollars of revenue for clean technology research and startups. Our Member Faculty in turn are helping dozens of companies develop, test, and deploy new products—resulting in job creation. 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, or their own, to market





“Oregon BEST is putting the state of Oregon at the epicenter of the clean technology 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, POPEYE’S GIRLFRIEND OLIVE OIL
MEMBER, EX OFFICIO (PAST 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 Labs available for research and development (R&D) by private companies, nonprofits, and government agencies	Forums in our Agenda Development Series bring together companies and researchers with shared interests to create focused research agendas	A Commercialization Funding Program that invests in industry-university teams working together to commercialize research discoveries
	A growing list of over 220 Oregon BEST Member Faculty who are experts in their fields and who are available to consult on both technical and business strategies within clean energy and sustainable built environment industries	Oregon BEST FEST , the northwest’s premier cleantech innovation conference, is our annual gathering and showcase of Oregon BEST’s Researchers, Companies, and Partners	Business outreach, connections to external resources, and mentoring from Entrepreneurs-in-Residence 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 Companies and other Industry Partners
	Access to the network of Oregon BEST Labs	Engagement in applied research through demonstration projects	Access to our Commercialization Funding Program to help move research out of labs and make it ready for follow-on funding
	Notice of relevant federal and other research funding opportunities	Opportunities to connect with industry for insight into market needs, research programs, and industry trends – to help research be relevant and impactful	SBIR/STTR support is primarily a benefit 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 cleantech jobs for Oregonians.

As the nexus for clean technology innovation, we build capability, convene collaborations, and accelerate the solutions to environmental challenges that deliver prosperity in all corners of Oregon. We work in a unique role, exercising a powerful lever outside of, but connected with, existing programs and systems to promote the effective development and rollout of clean technologies.

We make targeted, strategic investments in facilities, projects, and people positioned to have maximum impact on Oregon's 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.

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