Oregon BEST • Oregon Built Environment & Sustainable Technologies Center

Oregon BEST was created in 2007 as an independent nonprofit organization. Oregon BEST acts as an economic development catalyst by connecting universities and Oregon businesses with a network of shared-user lab facilities and expertise to commercialize and transform research into practice and products, services, and jobs that support Oregon’s economy. Oregon BEST specifically focuses on sustainable products and services and renewable energy.

ONAMI • Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute

Founded in 2003 as a pilot project and Oregon’s first “signature research center,” ONAMI was developed by the Oregon Council for Knowledge and Economic Development and is now an initiative of the Oregon Innovation Council, operating under an administrative services contract with the Oregon Business Development Department. ONAMI collaborates with Oregon universities, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, industry, and the investment community. In addition, ONAMI accelerates research and commercialization of materials science and related device and system technologies in Oregon.

INR • Institute for Natural Resources

INR is a cooperative enterprise bringing the scientific knowledge and expertise of the Oregon University System and other Oregon higher education institutions to natural resource management. INR functions as a research institute within Oregon State University to help leadership identify and use relevant science
in making policy decisions. In addition, INR seeks to provide access to current science-based information for natural resource management decision making and policy initiatives, develop interdisciplinary and collaborative relationships, identify and evaluation natural resource issues, and discover opportunities for applied policy-related research.

OTREC • Oregon Transportation Research & Education Consortium

OTREC is a partnership between Portland State University, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology that seeks to stimulate and conduct research on surface transportation, educate current and future transportation leaders, and encourage the real-world use of research results. In addition, OTREC seeks to advance sustainable transportation through advances in technology, integration of land use transportation, and communities. Through collaboration with stakeholders, OTREC seeks to address state, regional, and national transportation needs, and sponsors research, education, and technology transfer projects at partner universities with grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Project areas include: safety, mobility, global connectivity, environmental stewardship, and security and congestion relief. OTREC is a national University Transportation Center created by Congress in 2005. There are 60 University Transportation Centers; OTREC is one of 10 national centers.

OCCRI • Oregon Climate Chance Research Institute

OCCRI is based at Oregon State University (OSU), and functions as a network of over 100 researchers at OSU, the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, and affiliated federal and state labs. OCCRI was created in 2007 by the Oregon State Legislature, and tasked it with: fostering climate change research among faculty of the Oregon University System, serving as a clearinghouse for climate information, and providing climate change information to the public in an easily understandable form.
ETIC • Engineering and Technology Industry Council

ETIC was founded by the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1997, and was tasked with the goal of doubling engineering degrees in Oregon, creating world-class institutions, and increasing researching funding five-fold in order to create new opportunities for Oregonians to study engineering in Oregon, provide skilled and “work-ready” graduates, and to link universities and the business community in research projects. Currently, Sustainable Engineering is ETIC’s primary focus, namely: energy generation, energy conservation and efficiency, intelligent energy management, green materials chemistry, water resources, environmental sensing and systems, and information technology.

OTRADI • Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute

OTRADI brings the lab to the market via partnerships with Oregon university researchers, private bioscience businesses, the life science industry, and public and private funders. Since its inception in 2007, OTRADI has been dedicated to scientific collaborations and the commercialization of pharmaceutical drug discoveries to combat diseases by screening chemical compounds developed by Oregon research laboratories and companies to identify new potential drugs, speeding progress on bioscience discoveries, and bringing more economic development, grant funding, and scientific talent to Oregon.

Other Acronyms:
• HD – It’s actually HD+, and is the name of the company aka Home Dialysis Plus
• P&T – Promotion and Tenure
• NNMREC – Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center
• UVDF – University Venture Development Fund
• SBIR – Small Business Innovation Research
• STTP – Small Business Technology Transfer Program
• STC/ERC/IUCRC/PFI – Science and Technology Center/Engineering Research Center/ Industry-University Cooperative Research Center / Partnership for Innovation