



2013–15 Oregon Innovation Plan

Oregon InC was created to help entrepreneurs turn cutting edge research into new companies. Its initiatives help open the door to hard-to-find capital; provide Oregon businesses with access to otherwise out-of-reach R&D labs and researchers, and show established industries how innovation can revitalize their products and their profits.

In less than four biennia of funding, Oregon InC has helped incubate more than 75 companies and return more than \$400 million in federal and private grants to Oregon. Oregon InC initiatives have helped start-ups access more than \$130 million in private capital, and provided more than 300 organizations access to business-friendly R&D facilities and researchers through its network of 11 shared university labs.

To create the 2013–15 Innovation Plan, Oregon InC asked more than 150 economic development leaders throughout the state for proposals that held the promise of jumpstarting growth across entire industries rather than “picking winners” among individual business ideas.

After months of review by private sector leaders, Oregon InC proposed this diverse portfolio of investments to Gov. John Kitzhaber and the Legislature.

2013–15 Innovation Plan Initiatives

Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET)

OWET-funded research and matching grants are attracting wave energy developers from around the world, speeding up the regulatory process, involving coastal residents and businesses in key decisions, and preparing the way for the launch of the nation’s only grid-connected test site.
Funding: \$2 Million

Drive Oregon

Drive Oregon is at the center of Oregon’s push to commercialize electric vehicle-related technologies, from batteries to motors, charging stations to electronic components.
Funding: \$1.5 Million

Unmanned Aerial Systems Center of Excellence

A new initiative creating a research center and business incubator for the fast-growing unmanned aerial systems cluster, and supporting flight test sites in Pendleton, Tillamook and Warm Springs.
Funding: \$900,000

Oregon Story Board

Building on Portland's successful PIE Incubator, this new initiative identifies, recruits, capitalizes, accelerates and promotes early stage high-tech startups in the digital storytelling, video game, film and television industries.

Funding: \$900,000

Oregon Nanoscience & Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI)

Oregon's first Signature Research Center is now a nationally-recognized collection of laboratories and researchers, including the Lokey Labs in Eugene, with more than 20 advanced materials characterization and nanofabrication instruments; micro-level manufacturing and engineering research at the Microproducts Breakthrough Institute in Corvallis; and the Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication in Portland.

Funding: \$6.1 Million

Oregon Built Environment & Sustainable Technologies Center (Oregon BEST)

With national priorities—and funding—focused on renewable energy and green buildings, Oregon BEST-supported research is leading to new technologies and products, and helping the building industry embrace green principles with R&D projects ranging from eco-districts to solar awnings; micro wind turbines to green roofs.

Funding: \$6 Million

Oregon Translational Research & Development Institute (OTRADI)

OTRADI and its new business accelerator is helping researchers and emerging biotech companies in areas as diverse as oncology, neuroscience, medical devices and infectious diseases with high-speed drug screening, analysis and mentoring.

Funding: \$2 Million