



AGENCY MISSION

Business Oregon works to create, retain, expand and attract businesses that provide sustainable, living-wage jobs for Oregonians through public-private partnerships, leveraged funding and support of economic opportunities for Oregon companies and entrepreneurs.

Lowest Effective Business Tax Rate

Ernst & Young
C.O.S.T. Study, 2010

State	Rank
Oregon	1
Utah	5
Colorado	7
Idaho	12
Illinois	17
California	23
Arizona	26
Texas	28
Nevada	28
Washington	37

(includes ties)

Best States for Business

Forbes magazine, 2010

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Business Retention Services Program

The Oregon Business Retention Service program has served Oregon businesses for more than a decade. The program, which is administered by Business Oregon, offers consulting services to Oregon companies facing difficult times. The consulting services are delivered by some of the best and most experienced private sector consultants in the state. A consultant is matched with a company based on specific needs and industry requirements. The maximum benefits are \$15,000 for consulting services and \$30,000 for feasibility studies.

Program Can Provide:

- \$15,000 maximum in the form of either grant, no interest loan or a combination thereof.
 - \$2,000 grant for initial assessment (paid to consultant)
 - Up to \$11,000 no-interest loan for implementation (consultant recommendations)
 - \$2,000 grant funds for follow-up assessment (paid to consultant)
- \$30,000 maximum for feasibility studies. To qualify for a feasibility study, the applicant must contribute a minimum of 25% cash equity to the feasibility study costs.

Priority Given to:

- Emerging and key industries with high potential for job creation/retention.
- Economically distressed areas throughout Oregon.
- Traded sector businesses involved in national/international markets:
 - Processing and distribution
 - Manufacturing
 - Advanced manufacturing
 - Outdoor gear and activewear
 - Agriculture and fishing
 - High-technology
 - Wood and forest products

How to Apply:

Visit www.oregon4biz.com to download an application; or call Gabe Silva at 503-986-0161 or Pam Brunell at 503-986-0172

