

Renewable Energy and Smart Grid Consortium

Benefits Summary

Why Should My Organization Join?

By working with OIT through the Consortium, you will be connected to talented faculty members with hundreds of regional, national, and global industry contacts, up-to-date equipment and research facilities, and combined experience in academia and industry. You will also have access to a large pool of uniquely qualified student engineers in OIT's first-in-the-nation Renewable Energy Engineering program as well as our software, mechanical, and other engineering programs. By participating in the Consortium, you can increase your business network, extend your research capabilities, and leverage resources that can help your organization grow and gain market share.

The Advisory Board will determine membership levels and annual fees that support the services of the Consortium Director and Coordinator, faculty and student researchers, materials and equipment. Fees may be lower in the first year, as the consortium is established. Suggested membership levels with fees for the first year are as follows:

- Full Consortium Member Annual fee: \$10,000
- Associate Consortium Member Annual fee: \$5,000
- Consortium Affiliate Annual fee: \$1,000

Benefit	Tier		
	Full	Associate	Affiliate
Ability to participate on Consortium Advisory Board and select research topics (one seat per membership)	◆		
Early access to invention disclosures and IP created with consortium funds. Quarterly meetings with inventors and the Office of Innovation and Technology Transfer at OIT to discuss invention disclosures and jointly decide which technologies to protect. Automatic royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the technology. Two-year exclusivity for licensing opportunities.	◆		
Access to OIT intellectual property asset management expertise for consortium work through the Office of Innovation and Tech Transfer	◆		
Potential for leveraged investments and ability to apply for joint funding from NSF and other federal funding sources, state or local governments, the University system, and foundations	◆	◆	
Collaboration on research topics through working groups and focused research projects with corporate partners and OIT faculty and students	◆	◆	
Access to OIT applied research laboratories, faculty, and emerging engineering talent, with potential recruiting advantages through established relationships with top students	◆	◆	
Validation from independent evaluation, public disclosure, and publications of the consortium, related to research topics	◆	◆	
Public access to licensing agreements after full-member waiting period	◆	◆	◆
Opportunity to network with other energy innovators	◆	◆	◆
Opportunity to inform the applied research agenda at OIT	◆	◆	◆
Corporate co-branding with OIT and the Renewable Energy and Smart Grid Consortium	◆	◆	◆
Opportunity to demonstrate corporate responsibility in education and renewable technology development and implementation	◆	◆	◆

Who Should Join?

Industry, government, and community partners are all welcome. Partners that may benefit most from shared research include:

- Energy companies: Power utility, renewable, other
- Manufacturers: Semiconductor, electronic component, turbine and generator, other
- Petrochemical producers
- Oil and gas distributors
- Real-time solution providers
- Government agencies
- Battery and fuel cell developers
- Super capacitor developers
- Materials producers: Catalyst, polymer, chemical, other
- Application developers for automotive, smart grid, robotics, and communications

Other participants that may benefit from consortium developments include:

- Architects
- Engineering consultants
- Energy efficiency consultants

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