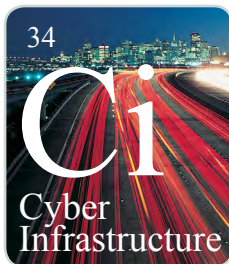
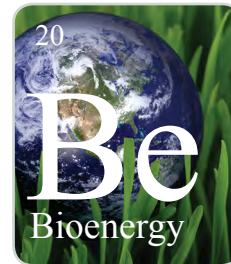
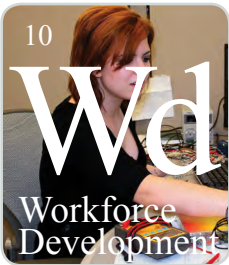


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Elements of Outreach

PROMOTING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
IN OKLAHOMA THROUGH A ROBUST SET OF OUTREACH INITIATIVES



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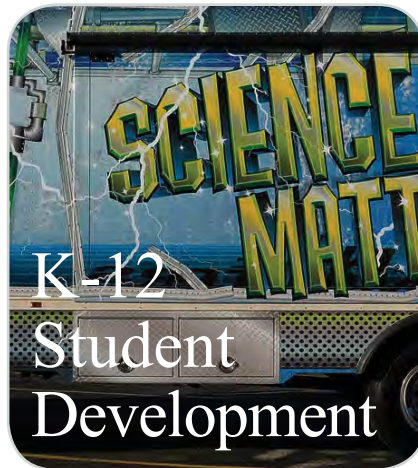
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RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AWARD 2008-2013: GRANT NO. EPS-0814361
INCREASING THE STATE'S RESEARCH COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH STRATEGIC SUPPORT OF RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS AND FACILITIES, RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS, AND INTEGRATED EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

OK EPSCoR supports education and human resources outreach programs that are designed to build Oklahoma's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) workforce through a robust set of initiatives. EPSCoR outreach programs target critical points in the STEM pipeline, while also seeking to broaden participation of women, American Indians and other underrepresented individuals in STEM fields.

Outreach programs are available for every group within the STEM pipeline. Programs are designed to meet the specific needs of these stakeholders, so STEM education will flourish, research programs will grow, and highly qualified college graduates will be available to fill the state's emerging high technology business needs.



"ALTHOUGH PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE, WOMEN TODAY CONSTITUTE ONLY ONE-FOURTH, OR 26 PERCENT, OF THE COLLEGE-EDUCATED WORKFORCE IN STEM OCCUPATIONS," ACCORDING TO A 2008 NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD REPORT. OKLAHOMA EPSCoR IS WORKING TO HELP UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS IN OKLAHOMA BRIDGE THAT GAP.

K-12 PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

- BIOENERGY SUMMER TECHNOLOGY ACADEMIES
- BOTBALL EDUCATIONAL ROBOTICS TEAMS
- SCIENCE EDUCATORS' TRAINING: GLOBE OBJECTIVES
- SCIENCE MATTERS! MOBILE SCIENCE VEHICLE
- WOMEN IN SCIENCE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma EPSCoR promotes K-12 students' understanding of science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and bioenergy through support of meaningful enrichment programs that students wouldn't otherwise have access to, due to declining school budgets and rising legislative standards.

OMN MOBILE SCIENCE VEHICLE

The Oklahoma Museum Network Science Matters Mobile Science Vehicle (MSV) is a discovery-based mobile museum that allows students in rural Oklahoma communities to experience science, while engaging in numerous activities throughout the multi-sensory vehicle. Students experience

science through hands-on experiments that allow them to practice true discovery learning through mixing, measuring, investigating, creating and deducing outcomes—just like real scientists!

Teachers from EPSCoR-sponsored schools participate in an intense bio-energy-based science training workshop that provides them with skills and hands-on science materials to use in their classrooms throughout the year.

OK EPSCoR is pleased to support the MSV program, as well as other high-quality outreach programs throughout Oklahoma.

Questions? Call 405.744.9964.



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SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY

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Other faculty development opportunities include Research Opportunity Awards, OK EPSCoR State Conferences and NSF Grants Workshops. See the column at the right for a full listing of current faculty development opportunities.

PROGRAMS FOR RESEARCHERS

- ANNUAL NSF EPSCoR STATE CONFERENCES
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS WORKSHOPS
- NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION ADVANCE WORKSHOPS
- RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY AWARDS (ROA)
- OKLAHOMA SUPERCOMPUTING SYMPOSIUMS
- INVESTIGATOR TRAVEL



EPSCoR SUPPORTS INITIATIVES THAT ENCOURAGE COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SELECT AND ULTIMATELY REMAIN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) FIELDS. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS IN STEM FIELDS ARE VITAL TO BUILDING THE HUMAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IN OKLAHOMA.

RETENTION RATES OF OUTSTANDING STEM STUDENTS IN OKLAHOMA ARE INCREASED THROUGH SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE EARLY STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND STEM RESEARCH COMMUNITIES.

THE EPSCoR PROGRAM HAS MADE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO SERVE OKLAHOMA'S NATIVE AMERICAN POPULATION AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS IN THE STATE, INCLUDING WOMEN, AFRICAN AMERICANS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. EPSCoR INITIATIVES ARE GEARED TOWARD THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING BARRIERS THAT PREVENT RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND GRADUATION OF THESE POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOT WELL-REPRESENTED IN STEM FIELDS. THE PROGRAM SEEKS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, WHILE REMAINING CULTURALLY SENSITIVE.

POST-SECONDARY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- MENTORING PROGRAM AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
- RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL
- SUPERCOMPUTING IN PLAIN ENGLISH WORKSHOPS
- OKLAHOMA RESEARCH DAY FOR REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES
- RESEARCH EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES (REU)
- TRAVEL FOR STUDENTS TO PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS
- JUMP START RISE (RETENTION INITIATIVE STUDENT EXCELLENCE)
- REYAP: RETIRED EDUCATORS FOR YOUTH AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
- TRIBAL COLLEGE OUTREACH

"For more information about any of these outstanding outreach programs, visit www.okepscor.org today!"



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- OCAST INDUSTRY INTERNSHIPS
- ENTREPRENEURIAL WORKSHOPS
- BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITIONS

Because STEM is a part of Oklahoma's Future.

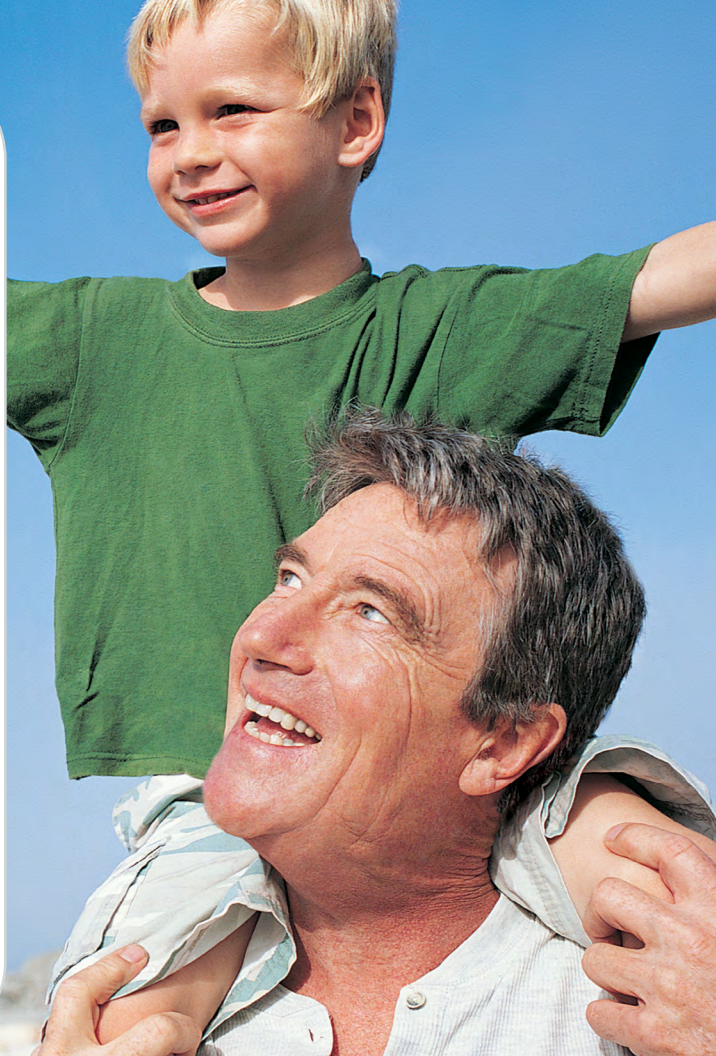
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