

II. KEY MEASURE ANALYSIS

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KPM #12	SPONSORED RESEARCH – Total sponsored research and development dollars supported by external fund sources (\$ in millions) a) Total, b) Federal sources, c) Private sources	Measure since: 1997
Goal	Quality: Increase quality and external resources for research and scholarship programs	
Oregon Context	OBM7b – Research and development (academia)	
Data source	OUS Controller’s Office, Annual Financial Reports	
Owner	OUS Strategic Programs and Planning, Charles Triplett (503) 725-5717	

1. **OUR STRATEGY**

Attract and retain productive faculty and develop university capacity for successful pursuit of sponsored research funding.

2. **ABOUT THE TARGETS**

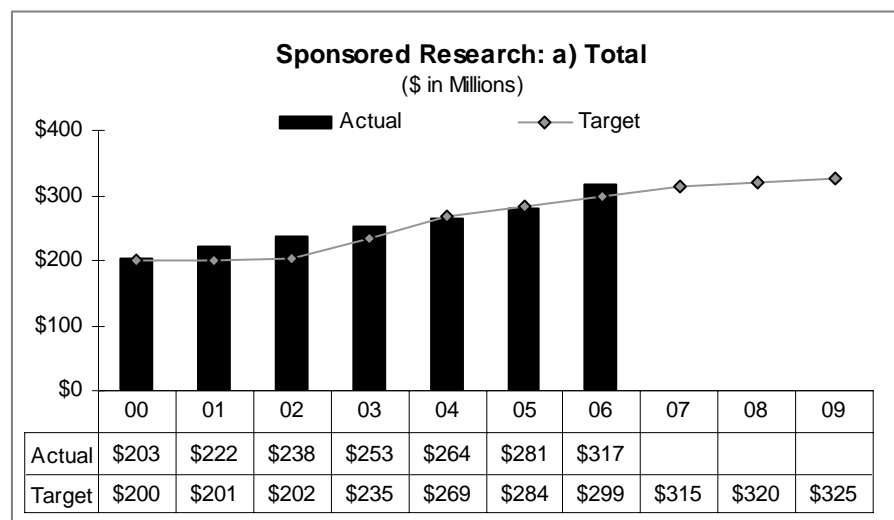
Targets for 2008 and 2009 reflect an anticipated decline in the availability of federal funds resulting in a slower growth rate.

3. **HOW WE ARE DOING**

OUS total sponsored research and other sponsored activity expenditures reached a record high of \$317 million in fiscal year 2006, an increase of 51% since fiscal year 2000.

4. **HOW WE COMPARE**

According to the National Science Foundation, *Survey of Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges, FY2005* Oregon ranks 18th among the 50 states in public university R&D funds from federal sources and 22nd in R&D expenditures from all sources. On a per capita basis Oregon ranks even higher: 14th in total per capita R&D expenditures at public universities and 9th in R&D funded by federal sources.



5. **FACTORS AFFECTING RESULTS**

A strong research enterprise is dependent on a strong faculty. Sponsored research awards are based on a competitive process and demonstrate the strength and entrepreneurial spirit of faculty members. OUS competes in a national market to attract and retain expert faculty. To remain competitive OUS must offer competitive salaries and provide adequate support services necessary for faculty to successfully compete and win R&D grants.

6. **WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE**

The Board of Higher Education created the OUS Research Council as an advisory council on research issues within Oregon. One function of the Council is to advance inter-campus and interdisciplinary research collaborations with the goal of increasing grant funding in targeted research areas. The Council is also

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focused on enhancing the infrastructure within Oregon to facilitate excellence in research and technology transfer, including supporting faculty efforts in grant proposal development, scholarly communications, and entrepreneurial development.

7. ABOUT THE DATA

Data represent expenditures for sponsored research and other activities using grant funds from external sources (e.g., federal, private), as reported in OUS audited financial statements. It includes funding for teaching/training grants, student services grants, library grants, and similar support. Data are reported as dollars in millions for each fiscal year. Disaggregated data for each campus can be found in the annual campus performance and target setting reports in the Monitoring Performance section of OUS website www.ous.edu.