

**Oregon Department of Forestry / Oregon Forest Resources Institute /
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**Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee Charter
April 3, 2008 Draft**

Chartering Group	Sponsors	Advisory Group Chair	Kick Off Date	Committee Type Sunset Date
<i>Oregon Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy Core Team</i>	<i>Oregon Department of Forestry / Oregon Forest Resources Institute / Oregon State University / Oregon Economic and Community Development Department</i>	<i>TBD-Private Interest</i>	<i>March 1, 2008</i>	<i>Ad Hoc December 31, 2008</i>

Vision	To create and maintain a favorable investment climate for environmentally sensitive, socially responsible, and globally competitive forest-based businesses throughout Oregon that will generate high quality, value-added products; family wage, highly skilled employment; increased revenues to private landowners for providing public benefits, and increased forest products exports.
Goal	To advise the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Oregon State University, and Oregon Economic and Community Development Department on: -- crafting an Oregon forest cluster economic development strategy that will be meaningful and valuable to the private sector and supported by Oregonians; and -- improvements in long-term state government organization, staffing, and budgeting to carry out its responsibilities in promoting and implementing an Oregon forest cluster economic development strategy.
Background Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon's forests play a significant role in providing for Oregon's quality of life. • The present and future environmental, economic, and social benefits Oregonians derive from the state's forests are dependent on the continued willing investment of public and private landowners in the management of those forestlands. • Many rural counties and communities have been particularly hard hit and all Oregonians are impacted by contraction in the forest products industry. • Fifty-seven percent of Oregon's forestlands are managed by the federal government without a clear and coordinated linkage between federal land management and state economic strategies. • A dramatic transition in the ownership of Oregon industrial forestlands has taken place. • Family forest landowners' continued existence is threatened by development, regulation, and economic challenges. • Oregon's forest products industry has restructured during the past two decades. • Most of Oregon's current lumber and wood products exports are commodities easily replaced by substitute products from other parts of the country and from other countries. • The State of Oregon currently lacks consensus on a policy framework for a state forest cluster economic development strategy and institutional capacity to implement such a strategy.

Success Indicators	<p>Implementation of an Oregon Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy that will achieve the desired trends for the following subset of the Oregon Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest-related revenues supporting state and local government public services <i>Desired trend: Forest-related revenues are a significant and predictable funding source for Oregon state and local government public services dependent on those revenues.</i>• Forest-related employment and wages <i>Desired trend: Forest-related Oregon employment and compensation are stable or increasing.</i>• Forest ecosystem services contributions to society <i>Desired trend: Oregon forest ecosystem services produced are stable or increasing and are sustainable.</i>• Forest products sector vitality <i>Desired trend: Production and values of Oregon wood and paper products and forest industry equipment are stable or increasing.</i> <p>Consensus achieved on improvements in long-term state government organization, staffing, and budgeting to efficiently and effectively implement the Oregon Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy, which may include assigning authority for the strategy administration to a single state agency.</p> <p>Consensus achieved on processes and methods for improved coordination of the state government Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy with policies, assessments, and initiatives undertaken by private and federal government partners.</p> <p>Consensus achieved on any needed changes in the Oregon Forest Research Laboratory, Pacific Northwest Research Station, and other federal research to better meet the needs of Oregon's forest cluster and rural communities.</p>
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<p>Milestones & Deliverables (bold)</p>	<p>2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April: Charter finalized by the Core Team Advisory Committee formed • May: Reports and recommendations Core Team, to the Advisory Committee Strategic issues identified, "critical path" developed Current agency roles and gaps identified • June: Subcommittees formed, as needed • July: Full committee meets to address issues and recommendations • August: Committee endorses economic development and state government institutional capacity recommendations Endorse 2009 state legislative concepts and policy option packages Endorse federal legislative concepts Endorse action plans and performance measures • July-December: Assist agencies in promoting strategy and state agency capacity changes to Boards and Commissions, the Legislature, the Governor, and other key stakeholders • December: Sunset the committee and make recommendations on resources and actions needed to address the work that remains.
<p>Commitment</p>	<p>The Forest Cluster Economic Development Strategy Advisory Committee accepts responsibility to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep stakeholders informed and engaged when appropriate, 2. Facilitate decisions at the appropriate level on a timely basis to address key barriers 3. Monitor and coordinate with the Building State Government Capacity for Forest Cluster Support Advisory Committee 4. Perform quality control of all outputs
<p>Stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• Forest Landowners <li style="width: 50%;">• Tribal Governments <li style="width: 50%;">• Forest Products Industry <li style="width: 50%;">• The Governor's Office <li style="width: 50%;">• Local Governments <li style="width: 50%;">• The Legislature <li style="width: 50%;">• Environmental and NGO groups <li style="width: 50%;">• Universities and research centers <li style="width: 50%;">• Community groups <li style="width: 50%;">• Citizens <li style="width: 50%;">• State Agencies <li style="width: 50%;">• Congressional staff <li style="width: 50%;">• Federal Agencies
<p>Decision Making Process and Decision Communication</p>	<p>The Committee will strive to make decisions by consensus. Failure to participate will not be grounds for blocking consensus. If consensus cannot be attained the chair may elect to use other decision making methods. Communication is through meetings, meeting summaries, in published documents and by email. Meeting frequency will be set as needed by the group.</p> <p>The chair may appoint subcommittees for specific aspects of the group's work.</p>
<p>Selection of Co-chairs</p>	<p>The Chair shall be an Advisory Committee Member representing the private sector and selected by the Committee.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>(Suggestions only— names needed – recommend 15 members max.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oregon Forest Industries Council rep. 2. Associated Oregon Loggers rep. 3. Sustainable Northwest rep. 4. Ecotrust rep. 5. Oregon Small Woodlands Association rep. 6. Oregon Business Council rep. 7. REIT/TIMO rep. 8. Secondary manufacturer rep. 9. Investment rep. 10. Forest Biomass Work Group rep. 11. Green Building Work Group rep. 12. Private forest sector human resources rep. 13. Tribal rep. 14. Research and development rep. 15. Forest cluster economist consultant rep.