



## Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative **BENEFITS for Businesses**

### Oregon's Businesses Benefit from the Initiative

#### **Workforce**

- Helps meet demand for an educated workforce that understands and can apply sustainable practices.
- Complements simultaneous sustainability efforts within Oregon's community colleges and universities to ensure excellent preparation for tomorrow's workforce.
- Fosters internship programs that provide businesses with student and teacher interns, who can assist those businesses in their move toward sustainability.

#### **Markets**

- Product and service needs of sustainable schools will increase Oregon's markets for sustainable products and services.

#### **Recognition**

- It will help Oregon's schools be recognized nationally for excellence, which will attract businesses and workers.

### Oregon's Businesses can help the Initiative

#### **Provide Knowledge**

- Identify knowledgeable employees to participate on topic teams.
- Provide sustainability mentors for local school districts.

#### **Provide Opportunities for Experience**

- Provide sustainability-related internship opportunities for students and staff, to deepen their understanding and provide experience they can apply in their schools.

#### **Provide Resources**

- Provide meeting space, teleconferencing, web design and support, or graphics and marketing expertise.
- Provide funding to support the Initiative.