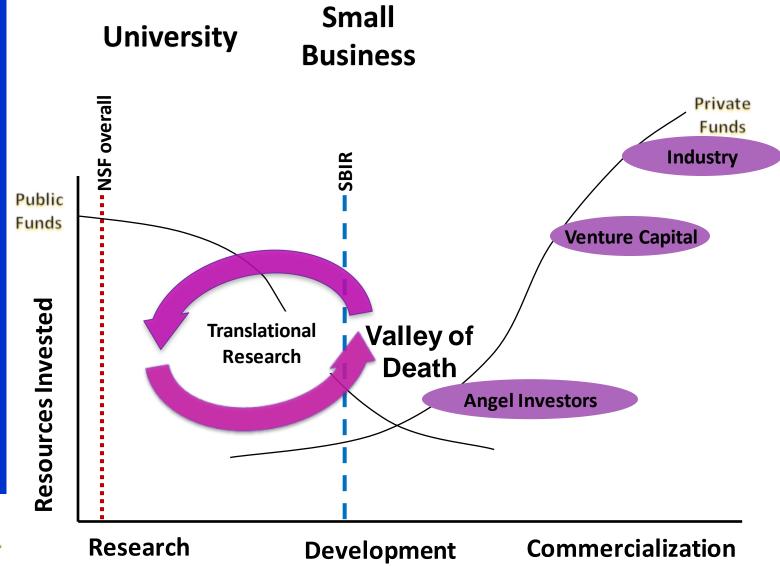
# **Innovation Programs at NSF**

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# **NSF Innovation Investments**



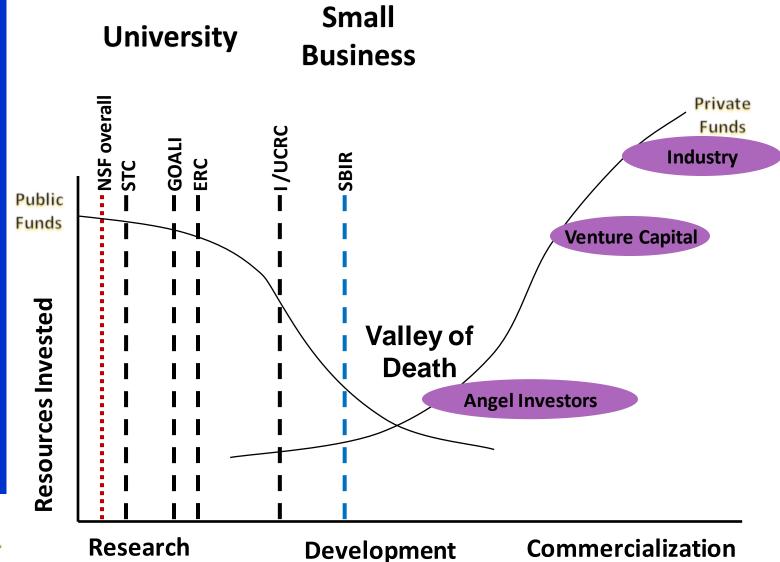


# NSF Programs for Translational Research

- Science and Technology Centers (STC)
- Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI)
- Engineering Research Centers (ERC)
- Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC)
- Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)
- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- Emerging Frontiers of Research and Innovation (EFRI)
- Other ENG programs
- New Program: Innovation Corps (I-Corps)



# **NSF Innovation Investments**



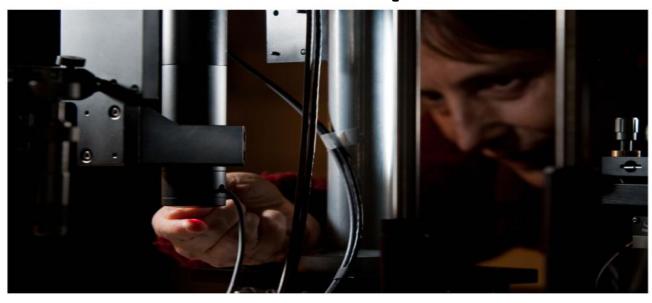


## Disclaimer

- NSF doesn't claim SOLE responsibility for these successes, but
- NSF played a clear and definable role in the intellectual evolution of all these innovations.



# Grant Opportunity for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI): Freeform Optics

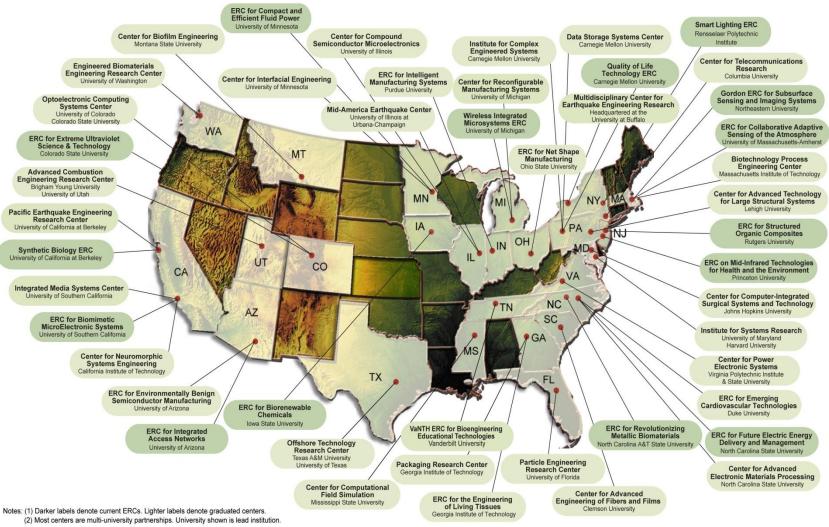


- Prototype device developed by University of Rochester can take high-resolution images under the skin's surface without removing the skin.
- Researchers say that in the future it may eliminate the need for many biopsies to detect skin cancer.
- In planning for a I/U Coop Res. Center



# **Engineering Research Centers 1985-2009**

### **NSF Engineering Research Centers**

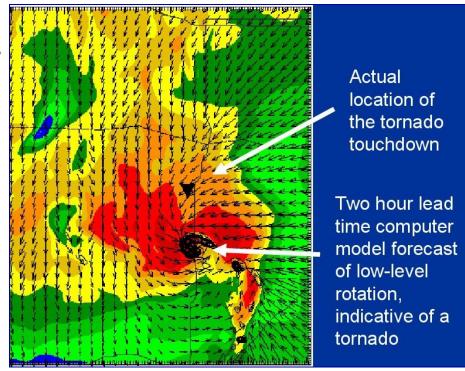




# ERC: Radar Network Detects Low-Altitude Weather Phenomena

 ERC for Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst

 Improves on Doppler radar and NEXRAD





# The Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRC) Program

### **Mission**:

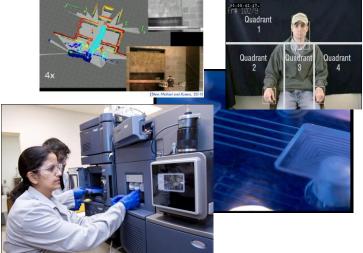
- To contribute to the nation's research infrastructure base by developing long-term partnerships among industry, academe and government
- To leverage NSF funds with industry to support graduate students performing industrially relevant research

### **Vision**:

 To expand the innovation capacity of our nation's competitive workforce through partnerships between industries and universities

Foster and grow long-term trusted relationships between Industry and academe based on shared value







# I/UCRC Fast Facts – FY11 Snapshot



ENG — Engineering

**CISE** — Computer and Info. Sci and Eng.

### **Program Funding**

- \$15M in Program Funding
- \$118M in Total Center Funding,
- Nearly 8:1 Leveraging of NSF funds.

### **Centers Nationally:**

- 61 Centers with 178 Sites
- Over 760 Members representing over 500 distinct organizations holding over 1000 Memberships

 55% Large Business, 23% SB, 15% Federal Members

### **Students**

- 600 graduated in 2010, over 30% hired by members
- 225 PhDs, 249 MS & 128 UGs graduated in 2010, trained in Center research

### **Sustainability**

44 Graduated I/UCRCs remain in operation in 2010 true to model



# Industry-Spawning Applications from NSF-Funded University Technologies

Berkeley Sensor & Actuator Center BSAC (UC Berkeley & UC Davis)

100+ Industry Members spanning 25 years of Innovation Research

5 Current 20+ year members

30 Start-up Companies

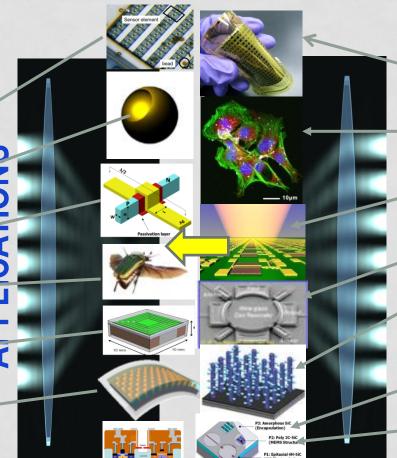
**Multi-\$Billion Impact** 

## **Applications**

- Healthcare
- Plasmonics
- Integrated Optics
- Wireless
  Communications
- Energy
- Harvest/Monitor

Conformal Electronics

• Processes & Packaging



## **Technologies**

- Nanotechnology
- \*\*BioFluidics
- Optophotonics
  - **Wireless**
  - MicroEnergy
  - Sensing & Actuation
    - Materials / Process



# Center for Excellence in Logistics and Distribution (CELDi)

<u>Project Goal</u>: Maintain or improve in-stock performance at clubs while reducing club inventory





With the use of a custom-built simulation model of the Sam's Club supplier replenishment process, the University of Arkansas team was able to determine improved supplier reordering points to improve logistics.





### **Project Outcomes:**

- System wide deployment
- Significant inventory reduction
- Improved in-stock performance
- Estimated as a \$60M annual impact
- Students: 1 M.S.



Collaboration between Sam's Club and CELDi (at the University of Arkansas)



# New Programs: Filling Gaps in the Innovation Ecosystem

Spur Translation of Fundamental Research



Encourage Collaboration between Academia and Industry

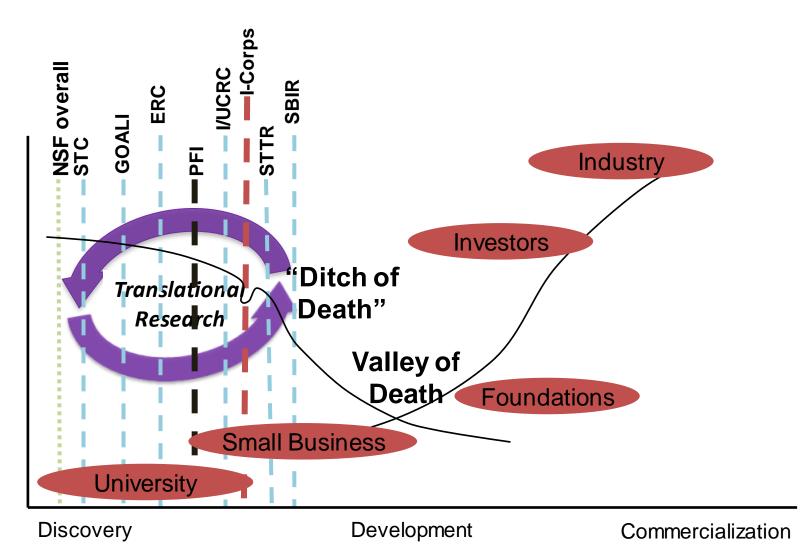


Educate to Innovate





# **NSF Innovation Investments**



Resources Invested

# **I-Corps Approach**

- Leveraging NSF-lineage of previous support
- Small grants to create a commercialization roadmap
  - Addresses the "Ditch of Death"
- Experiential, immersive learning and feedback
- Challenges teams to create their own business model canvas
- Values revision and continual improvement of business development elements
- Expects teams to be inquisitive, motivated and capable of self management



# I-Corps: Replication of Laser-Generated Surface Textures

### Genesis:

University of Virginia



### Technology:

- Create water repellant surface to eliminate ice build-up...by surface micro-texture
- > Low cost bondable film on a variety of surfaces

### I-Corps Impact & Lessons Learned:

- "Learned a new language Entrepreneurship "
- "How to accept criticism, not all constructive"
- ➤ "Partnering will help get us through the initial stage from the lab to manufactured solution "





## **Spur Translation of Fundamental Research**

# **Encourage Collaboration between Academia and Industry**

**Educate to Innovate** 

Thank You



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Program phone: (703) 292-8383

Note: The best way to contact us is via e-mail. Many are on the road frequently



# Supplementary Material



## **Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers**

# Advanced Electronics, Photonics Fabrication and Processing

Berkeley Sensor & Actuator Center – UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis

Center for Advanced Vehicle and Extreme Environment Electronics – Auburn

Center for Design of Analog Digital Integrated Circuits – WSU, OSU

Center for Electromagnetic Compatibility – MUST, Clemson, Oklahoma, Houston,

Center for Optical Wireless Apps – PSU, Georgia Tech

Cooling Technologies Research Center - Purdue





### **Advanced Manufacturing**

Center for Friction Stir Processing – BYU, MUST, South Carolina , SDSMT, Wichita State

Center for Tire Research - Virginia Tech, U Akron

Center for Particulate and Surfactant Systems – UF, Columbia

Laser and Plasma for Advanced Manufacturing – UVa, Michigan , SMU, Illinois

Membrane Science, Engineering and Technology Center – NJIT, Colorado

Intelligent Maintenance Systems – Cincinnati, Michigan, MUST

Smart Vehicles Concepts - Ohio State, Texas A&M

### Biotechnology, Health & Safety

Center for Agricultural, Biomedical, and Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology – Illinois

Center for Biophotonic Sensors and Systems – Boston University , UC-Davis

Center for Pharmaceutical Development – Georgia Tech, UK

Bio Energy Research and Development – SDSMT, Hawaii-Manoa , NCSU, Stony Brook

Center for Health Organization Transformation – Texas A&M, Northeastern, PSU, Georgia Tech

Child Injury Prevention Studies – UPenn, Ohio State



## **Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers**

### Advanced Materials

- **Advanced Processing and Packaging Studies** - Ohio State, UC Davis, NCSU
- **Center for Advanced Non-Ferrous Structural** Alloys - CSM, North Texas
- Center for Energy Harvesting Materials and Systems - Virginia Tech, UT-Dallas
- **Center for Integrative Materials Joining** Science for Energy Applications - Ohio State, Lehigh, Wisconsin - Madison, CSM
- **Center for Metamaterials CUNY, Western** Carolina, UNCC, Clarkson
- Computational Materials Design PSU, Georgia Tech.
- Center for Nondestructive Evaluation lowa **State**
- **Ceramics, Composites and Optical Materials** Center - Clemson, Rutgers
- **Wood-Based Composites Center Virginia Tech, Oregon State**

### Civil Infrastructure Systems

- **Center for Electric Vehicles Transportation and Electricity Convergence – UT-Austin, Texas** A&M
- Center for the Integration of Composites into Infrastructure - WVU, Rutgers, NCSU, Miami
- **Grid-Connected Advanced Power Electronics -**Arkansas-Fayetteville, South Carolina
- Sustainable Integrated Buildings and Sites -UNCC, CMU

### Energy & Environment

- Center for Advanced Forestry Systems -NCSU, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Washington, Virginia Tech, OSU, Purdue, **Florida**
- Center for Fuel Cells (CFC) South Carolina, Connecticut
- Center for Resource Recovery and Recycling -WPI, CSM, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- **Energy-Efficient Electronic Systems Center** Binghamton, UT-Arlington, Villanova
- **Next Generation Photovoltaics UT-Austin.** Colorado State
- Power Systems Engineering Research Center -Arizona State, UC-Berkeley, CMU, CSU, Cornell, Georgia Tech, Howard, Illinois, Iowa State, Texas A&M, Washington State, Wichita State, Wisconsin
- Silicon Solar Consortium NCSU, Georgia Tech
- Water and Environmental Technology -Temple, Arizona, Arizona State
- Water Equipment & Policy Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Marquette







## **Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers**

### System Design & Simulation

- Advanced Space Technologies Research & Engineering Center - Florida, NC A&T State
- Center for e-Design Virginia Tech, Iowa State, Massachusetts-Amherst, Central Florida, CMU, SUNY Buffalo, BYU, Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, Wayne State
- Center for Excellence in Logistics and Distribution - Arkansas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Clemson, Missouri, Virginia Tech, Arizona State, UC-Berkeley
- Center for Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles BYU. **CSU**
- Telecommunications (Connection One) -Arizona State, Ohio State, Hawaii, Rensselaer, Arizona

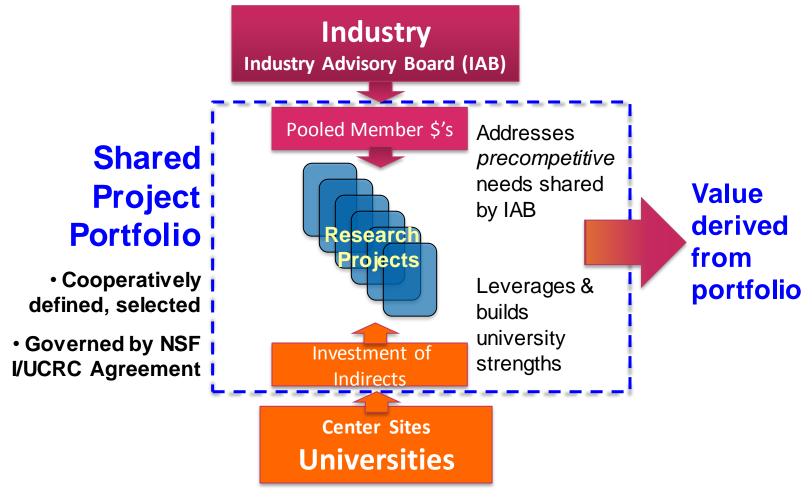


### Information, Communication & **Computing**

- Advanced Knowledge Enablement Florida Intl. Florida Atlantic, Dubna Intl
- Autonomic and Cloud Computing Florida. Mississippi State, Arizona, Rutgers
- Center for Identification Technology Research -Clarkson, Arizona, WVU
- Center for Research in Intelligent Storage -Minnesota, UC-Santa Cruz,
- Center for Surveillance Research Ohio State. **Wright State**
- Center for Data Analytics Rutgers, SUNY Stony **Brook**
- Embedded Systems Arizona State, Southern Illinois-Carbondale
- Experimental Research in Computer Systems -Georgia Tech, Ohio State
- Hybrid Multicore Productivity Research UMBC, **UC-San Diego, Georgia Tech**
- Net-Centrics System and Software North Texas, UT-Dallas, Southern Methodist, Arizona State, **MUST**
- Center for High-Performance Reconfigurable Computing - Florida, BYU, GW, Virginia Tech
- Center for Visual Decision Informatics UL-Lafayette, Drexel
- Safety, Security, Rescue Research Minnesota. Denver, UPenn
- Visual and Decision Informatics Louisiana-Lafavette, Drexel,
- Wireless Internet Center for Advanced Technology Polytechnic Inst of NYU, UVa, Virginia Tech, 22 **Auburn, UT-Austin**



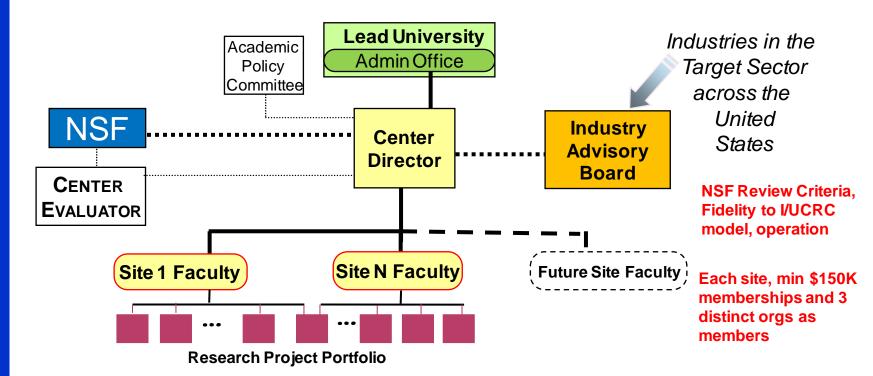
# I/UCRC Nucleus: A Cooperatively Defined, Funded & Shared Research Portfolio





Requires trust be built in the model, and between all partners in the center.

# Typical\* I/UCRC Organization & Profile



### **Average Center Profile**

- 3 University Sites
- \$40K Membership Fee
- \$220K in I/UCRC Program funding
- \$673K in Member Fees
- \$1.1M Total Funding (Median), \$2.1M
   Total (Avg)

### \* Based on 2010-11 Structural Data Averages

### **Typical Personnel Profile**

- 16 Participating Faculty, PDs
- 18 PhD, 10 MS, 3 Undergrad Students
- 2 Administrative Personnel

### **Average Publication Profile**

- 21 Publications annually, 3 of which are with Center Members
- 30 Presentations annually



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# **ENG** Organization

Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI)

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(IIP)

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### Industrial Innovation and Partnerships **Division Director Assessment Grace Wang** and Diversity Cheryl Albus Academic **Small Business Partnerships Partnerships Donald Senich** Joe Hennessey **AAAS Fellow** Einstein Reeshemah National Science **Grant Opportunities Fellows** Burrell Nanotechnology, Advanced for Academic Material & Manufacturing Liaison with (MM) Program Industry Rajesh Mehta, Ben Schrag **Operations** Support **Donald Senich Specialist** Manager **Greg Misiorek** Amanda May **Industry/University** Biological and Chemical Technology (BC) Cooperative Prakash Balan, Ruth **Research Centers Analysts Experts/Special Topics** Shuman, Jesus Soriano Rathindra DasGupta Alex Schwarzkopf, James Rudd, George Larry Hornak **Kevin Simmons** Vermont Electronics, Information & Communication Technology Innovation Cluster Cheryl Albus Errol Arkilic, Juan Figueroa, Murali Nair Partnerships for Innovation: Education Applications (EA) **Partnerships for Innovation: I-Corps Accelerating Innovation** Glenn Larsen Errol Arkilic. **Building Innovation Capacity** Research (PFI-AIR) (PFI-BIC) Sara Nerlove Rathindra DasGupta Karlene Hoo

## I/UCRCs: The NSF's Role

Facilitate a Center environment in which long-term relationships between industry and academia can thrive.

- Cooperative Agreement & Operational Framework
- Franchise of centers for collaboration
- Best practices based on decades of evaluation
- NSF Award Funding Opportunities



# What value does an I/UCRC offer?

Outcomes from a cooperatively defined and managed, portfolio of industry-precompetitive research.

IAB Research

Needs

- High value research projects
- Investment leveraging
- Sector networking, learning from industry peers and customers
  - Access to intellectual property
- Pre-publication access to research
- Center researchers & facilities
  - Access to students

New research and education program dimensions

- Student recruitment and placement
- Leverage POC results for new funding
- Trusted relationships with industry
- Ready partners for translation of discoveries
- Organize industry sector relationships
- Means to achieve institutional mission.

Center Faculty Research

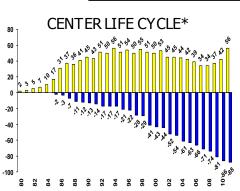
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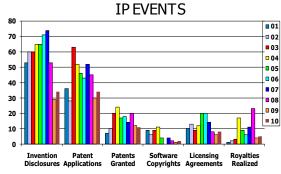


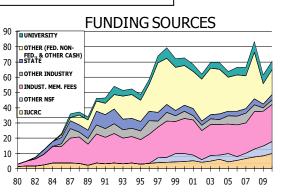
# I/UCRC Evaluation & Assessment

30 + year commitment to integrating evaluation with program planning, implementation and operation . *Local Evaluation – Global Assessment* 



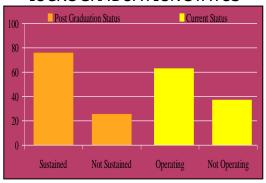




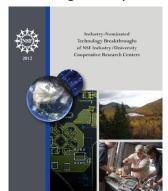


### TARGETED ASSESSMENTS AND RELATED WORK PRODUCTS

### **IUCRC GRADUATION STATUS**



### Breakthrough Compendium



### Gray & Walters Director's Guide

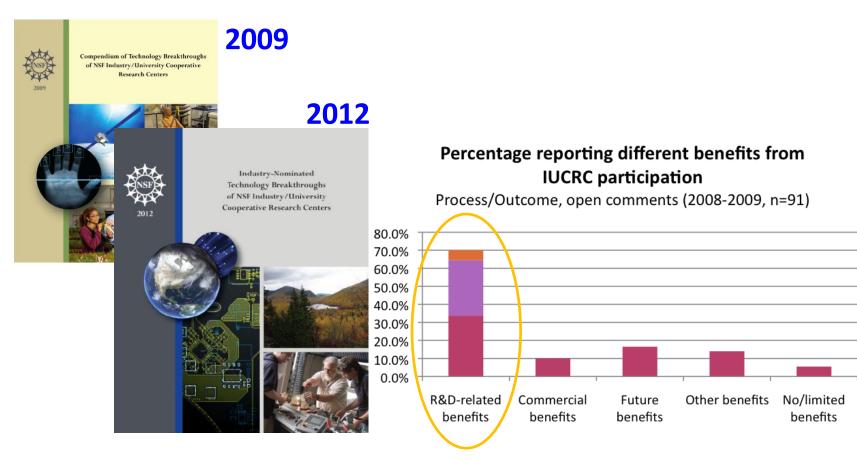




Plus publication in open literature: > 80 publications in journals, national & international conferences: Research Policy; AAAS; Journal of Technology Transfer; Sc. Public Policy; New Directions in Evaluation

# I/UCRC Outcomes

From Trusted, Long-Term Center Relationships built on Industry-University Research

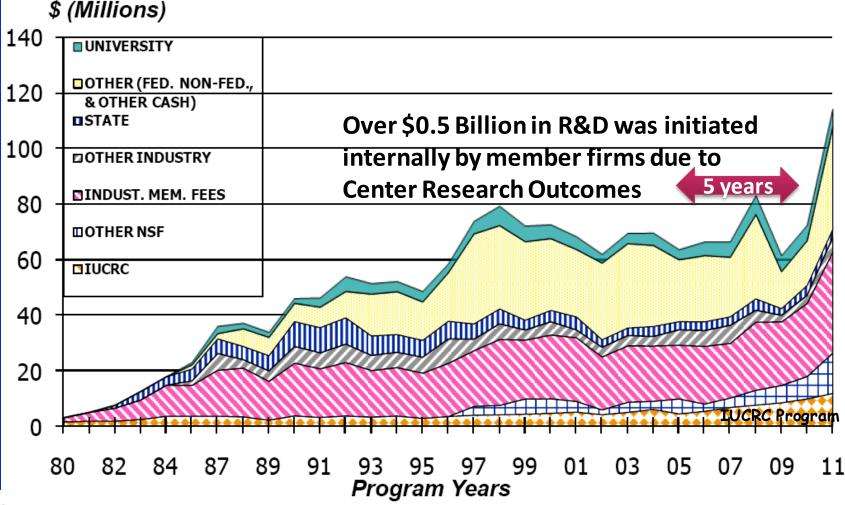




See the IUCRC Compendia at www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/iucrc/tech\_breakthroughs.jsp

# **Building Innovation Capacity**

TOTAL FUNDING BY SOURCE BY YEAR IN DOLLARS

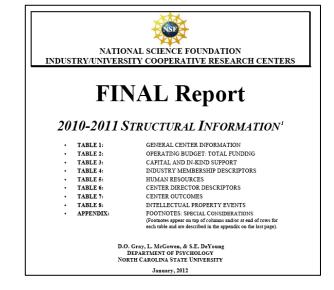




# Typical\* Center IAB Profile in FY11

## Typical Center Industry Advisory Board (IAB)

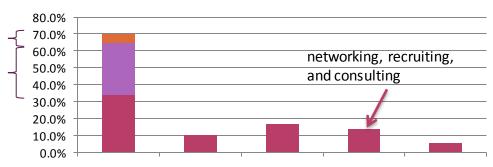
- 18 Members
- Nearly half "highly" or "very highly" value the "IAB Network"
- Each member receives 8:1 (50% Interest) to 16:1 leveraging of their membership investment
- \$1M (median) invested by IAB in internal R&D based on center research outcomes annually



# Percentage reporting different benefits from IUCRC participation

Process/Outcome, open comments (2008-2009, n=91)

5% reported a financial impact value
31% reported a potentially quantifiable impact



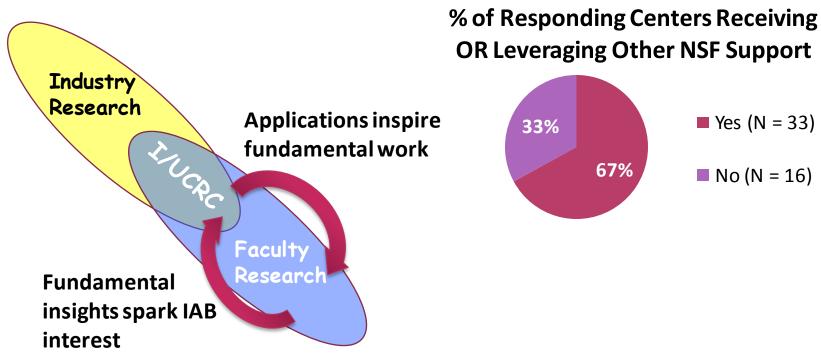
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# I/UCRCs: Linking Industry to University Fundamental Research

Annual evaluation results indicate that Center Faculty consistently state they are most likely to bring their best research ideas to the Center

- Over 50% of Centers receive other NSF support each year
- 67% of Centers draw on current/prior NSF support to achieve center outcomes





# I/UCRCs: Strategic Directions

- Facilitate International Scope of Centers
  - International Cooperative Research Projects
  - International Sites
    - Dubna University, Russia: Center for Advanced Knowledge Enablement
    - KU Leuven, Belgium: Site of Center for Resource Recovery and Recycling
    - Dharmsinh Desai University (DDU) through the Shah-Schulman Center for Surface Science and Nanotechnology (SSCSSN) of Gujarat, India: Center for Particulates and Surfactants
- Leverage Center Networks Industry and Academic
  - Cooperative Research Projects (CORBIs)
  - Complementary Center Clusters to address global S&E Challenges
    - All Center Programs, Virtual Clusters
- Challenge: Building & maintaining strong relationships through partner cycles



# Science and Technology Center: Magnetic Resonance Imaging

- STC for Magnetic
   Resonance Technology for
   Basic Biological Research
   at UIUC established in
   1991
- PI Paul Lauterbur discovered the possibility of creating a two-dimensional image by producing variations in a magnetic field

Lauterbur was awarded a Nobel Prize in 2003 for discoveries leading to magnetic resonance imaging.



