

# Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)

University of North Dakota (UND)

*“Technology Excellence for a Better World”*

## Key to the EERC's Success

- *Willingness to assume great risk in an environment that provides the freedom to pursue opportunities.*
- *Dedication to building partnerships with the private sector, government, and the research community.*
- *Practical problem-solving approach: giving clients what they need.*

- The EERC is a research, development, demonstration, and commercialization facility.
- The EERC receives no state-appropriated dollars for its research, development, and demonstration programs. The EERC does receive approximately \$40,000/year to provide analytical services to state institutions.
- The EERC mails out one proposal for funding each day.
- In the last decade, the EERC has served clients in 47 countries and 47 states.
- 62% of EERC clients are repeat customers.
- 70% of EERC contracts are with the private sector.
- In the last 5 years, 82% of the EERC's degreed employees graduated from North Dakota State institutions.
- 60% of the EERC's current degreed staff are UND graduates.
- 78% of the EERC's current staff are from the tristate area of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota.
- By choice, not mandate, the EERC involves many students (undergraduate to postdoctorate) from various disciplines in its research, development, and demonstration programs. In the last 10 years, the EERC has employed 300 students from over 20 disciplines.
- Over 1100 visitors toured the EERC last year. The EERC is the single largest draw for the Grand Forks airport.
- The EERC was the most significantly impacted entity on the UND campus during the 1997 flood—conservative estimate, \$11.3 million.



*Definition of Economic Development:  
“Creation of New Wealth” = EERC*