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# **Energy & Environmental Research Center**



ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES TO PROTECT AND CLEAN OUR AIR, WATER AND SOIL INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT, AND THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

> THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

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#### THE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER (EERC)

is a research, development, demonstration, and commercialization facility located in Grand Forks, North Dakota, recognized as one of the world's leading developers of cleaner, more efficient energy technologies as well as environmental technologies to protect and clean our air, water, and soil.

The EERC, a high-tech, nonprofit division of the University of North Dakota (UND), operates like a business and pursues an entrepreneurial, client-driven approach to research and development in order to successfully develop innovative solutions to pressing client challenges.

# **Our Vision**

To lead the world in developing solutions to energy and environmental challenges.

# **Our Mission**

**The EERC** is a unique organization dedicated to providing practical, pioneering solutions to the world's energy and environmental challenges. We accomplish this mission through:

- **Our people**—an extraordinary team of scientists, engineers, and support staff who work together across disciplines and, with our state-of-the-art facilities and capabilities, are the foundation of our organization and sought after worldwide.
- Our partnerships—a rich history of trusted, dynamic working relationships with industry, government, and research entities throughout the world, the clients we serve.
- **Our priorities**—unparalleled responsiveness to critical global issues and the organizations with which we partner and recognition as a progressive global leader working to make the world a better place in which to live.

# A Valued Asset: Our People

The EERC employs an exceptionally talented and diverse group of people whose expertise helps meet the needs of our clients worldwide. Currently, the EERC employs 220 in-house scientists, engineers, and support personnel, representing 140 disciplines.



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**Global Partnerships** 

The EERC is international in scope. It has established working relationships with clients from all corners of the globe. Since 1983, the EERC has had over 1300 clients in 52 countries involving individual contracts and multiclient consortia with private industry, federal and state agencies, and academic institutions. Over the years, several companies have had corporate offices at the EERC.



### **Specialized Expertise**

#### **Strategic Solutions**

We are addressing the most critical energy and environmental challenges facing our clients through innovative science, engineering, and technologies. Our research portfolio consists of a wide array of expertise, including oil and gas, clean coal technologies, carbon capture and sequestration, energy and water sustainability, hydrogen technologies, air toxics and fine particulate control, mercury measurement and control, alternative fuels, biomass technologies, water management strategies, global climate change, waste utilization, energy-efficient technologies, and contaminant cleanup.

## **Centers of Excellence**

#### **Center for Oil and Gas**

The Center for Oil and Gas is focused on the design and implementation of new approaches to the exploration and development of oil and gas plays, such as the Bakken system. Working closely with industry and government agencies, the Center for Oil and Gas has developed tools and approaches specifically focused on resource assessment and optimization of exploration and production performance.







#### **Coal Utilization Technologies Center**

The EERC (and its predecessor organization) has been developing and enhancing coal technologies for over 65 years and is the client's choice for research, development, demonstration, and commercialization of coal, with special emphasis on low-rank coal. EERC research and development programs are designed to embrace all aspects of energy-from-coal technologies from cradle to grave, beginning with fundamental resource characterization and ending with waste utilization or disposal.



#### LEVERAGES AND ENHANCES CLIENT DOLLARS

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#### **Emission Control Technologies Center**

Clients recognize EERC for our groundbreaking work in the development of control technologies to reduce emissions from mobile and stationary sources worldwide, including  $SO_3$ ,  $NO_x$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $CO_2$ , mercury, and fine particulate matter. Our Emission Control Technologies Center has conducted hundreds of client-driven projects ranging from fundamental studies of system interactions to pilot- and full-scale slipstream



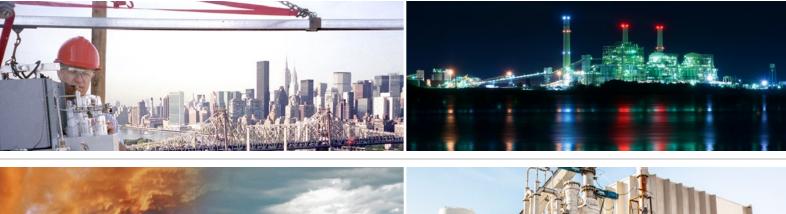
testing of advanced technologies that offer solutions to meet clean air requirements well into the future.

#### Water Management Center

Water is the world's most precious resource. The EERC's Water Management Center has experience providing water management solutions in the areas of agriculture and agricultural processing, municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment, oil and gas extraction and processing, energy generation, groundwater remediation, and carbon capture



and storage. We provide cost-effective, practical water management solutions for our clients while recognizing the importance of resource conservation and environmental stewardship.





# Center for Climate Change & Carbon Capture and Storage

One of the leading organizations selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to determine the best ways to reduce and/or manage CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the EERC's Plains CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (PCOR) Partnership incorporates the participation of more than 100 public and private sector stakeholders to identify significant sources of CO<sub>2</sub> in the central interior of



Center for Climate Change & Carbon Capture and Storage

North America and evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of capturing and storing  $CO_2$  in the region. The EERC's Partnership for  $CO_2$  Capture (PCO\_2C) is conducting a pilot-scale demonstration to test selected  $CO_2$  separation and capture technologies for fossil fuel- and biomass-fired systems.

# Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization

We believe energy from renewable and indigenous resources is a necessary component to attain longer-term energy security in the United States. The Centers for Renewable Energy and Biomass Utilization provide expertise in biomass feedstocks, biopower,



bioproducts, biofuels for transportation, wind energy, renewable hydrogen, and building efficiency for industry, stakeholders, state agencies and institutes, and entrepreneurs.

... the road to energy independence runs right through Grand Forks and up to the front doors of the EERC." —U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan

## **Centers of Excellence**

#### National Alternative Fuels Center® (NAFC®)

Established in 1988 as the National Alternative Fuels Laboratory® with support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, NAFC is committed to the commercial utilization of alternative fuels. Through NAFC, the EERC is developing ethanol- and biodiesel-blended gasoline and diesel fuels, creating a full suite of new fuel formulations for aviation and transportation,



National Alternative Fuels Center<sup>®</sup>

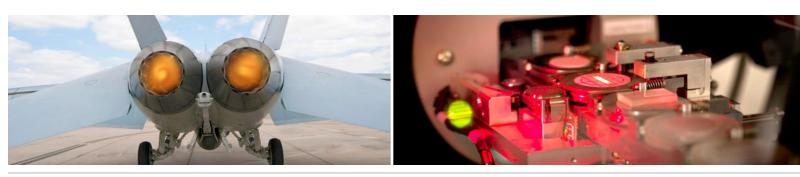
and advancing new technologies to provide liquid fuels for battlefield and domestic military operations from renewable indigenous sources.

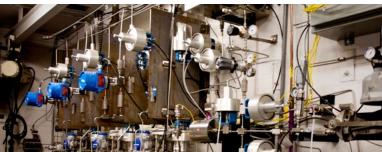
#### Center for Environmental Chemistry and Reclamation

The EERC has significant experience removing toxic contaminants from soil and water, mitigating environmental challenges, and reclaiming environmentally impacted landscapes and other properties for our clients. For more than 25 years, the EERC has also effectively extracted harmful compounds in environmentally friendly ways without the use of hazardous solvents.



CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY AND RECLAMATION





# Energy-Efficient Technologies

#### National Center for Hydrogen Technology® (NCHT®)

The EERC was designated in 2004 as the National Center for Hydrogen Technology by DOE. The EERC has more than 65 years of experience with hydrogen production and fuel cell

technologies and is leading the way in integrating technologies for the production and use of hydrogen as a practical fuel.



# OUR HISTORY

1951	-	Founded as the U.S. Bureau of Mines Robertson Lignite Research Laboratory.	SAFELY
1977		Becomes a Federal Energy Technology Center under DOE.	Ser Contraction
1983		Defederalized and becomes the UND Energy Research Center.	EAT
1987		All research entities within the UND School of Engineering and Mines are combined into one entity called the Energy & Mineral Research Center.	
1989		Renamed the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC).	
1992	_	EERC Foundation® established.	
1994		Completes \$7.6 million expansion of labs and pilot plant facilities.	1
1997		April flooding of the Red River forces the EERC to close for 20 days, EERC flood damages estimated at \$40 million to \$45 million in lost equipment and business.	
1998		EERC laboratories damaged in flood become fully operational.	
1999		Annual contract awards exceed \$11 million.	
2000		Annual contract awards exceed \$15 million.	2008
2001		Celebrates 50 years of innovative applied energy and environmental research.	
2002		Breaks ground on \$8 million expansion and renovation.	
2003	-	Opens 47,000-square-foot expansion and renovation project.	
2004	-	Contract awards exceed \$26.5 million.	
2005		Contract awards total \$29 million.	
2006		Contract awards exceed \$45 million (fourth consecutive record-breaking year). Breaks ground for new 15,000-square-foot hydrogen facility.	
2007	-	Proposal number exceeds 300/yr, valued at over \$138 million.	2013
2008		Contract awards exceed \$95 million. Dedicates hydrogen facility.	
2009		EERC achieves sixth consecutive record year. Contract portfolio exceeds \$236 million	
2010	-	EERC achieves seventh record year in contract funding.	
2011	-	EERC breaks ground on new Fuels of the Future facility.	
2012	-	EERC and Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc., commission dry-solids pump.	
2013	-	EERC Bakken regional drilling activity map distributed to more than ten thousand w	orldwide.
2014		UND names Tom Erickson Director.	

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