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ONAMI: Project gets federal funding for construction

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facilities and no classrooms.

In addition, the new facility will include space for collaboration between University faculty and other ONAMI partners, such as faculty from other universities and staff from industry and national laboratories, Hutchison wrote in an e-mail.

Along with the new building, ONAMI may get some new federal grants.

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden, D-Ore. and Gordon Smith, R-Ore. announced in a Sept. 29 statement that the Senate Appropriations Committee approved at least \$109 million in funding for defense-related projects in Oregon.

This included \$5 million for ONAMI's Nanoelectronics and Nanometrology Initiative, which develops materials and methods for producing future generations of electronic devices and circuits; \$3.5 million for ONAMI's Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing program, which designs and produces nanomaterials that are safe for humans and the environment; and \$3 million for ONAMI's development of Miniature Tactical Energy Systems, which are lightweight, portable cooling and energy-producing systems.

According to the statement, these funds are now included in the 2006 fiscal year Defense spending bill, and will be sent to the U.S. Senate for approval.

"Oregon is a leader in using new technologies like nanotech for the benefit of the U.S. defense community," Wyden said in the statement. "The funds included in this legislation will support many new and ongoing projects to both enhance our national defense and boost Oregon's economy."

Hutchison said that the University is participating in all three of those efforts and is leading the Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing initiative.

"In addition to providing base funding for these research efforts, federal funding is helping to bring the ONAMI faculty together in interdisciplinary groups that are essential to being successful on the challenging projects we are carrying out," Hutchison wrote.

Hutchison said the final word on the congressional funding will be delivered in a month or two, adding that ONAMI also pursues funding from federal agencies and private foundations.

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HISTORY OF ONAMI

2000: Collaboration begins between the University's Materials Science Institute and Center for Advanced Materials Characterization in Oregon and Oregon State University's Center for Microtechnology-Based Energy, Chemical and Biological Systems.

2002: OSU and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory jointly form the Microproducts Breakthrough Institute.

2003: PNNL and the University initiate a graduate student internship and exchange program.

2003: Portland State University's Center for Emerging Technologies joins the collaboration.

2003: The 2003 Oregon State Legislature establishes the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute with a \$21 million investment.

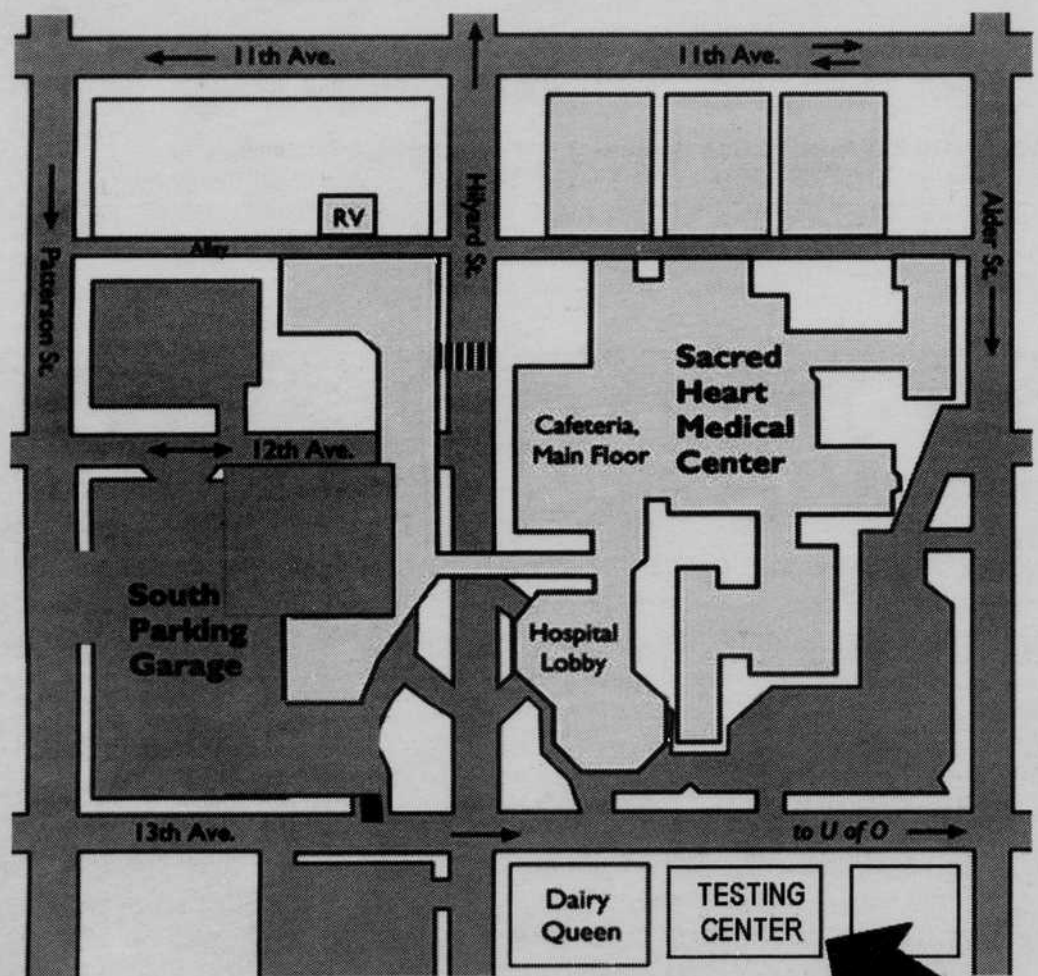
2004: The U.S. Congress appropriates funds for two major ONAMI projects: Miniature Tactical Energy Systems, sponsored by the U.S. Army, and Inherently Safer Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing, sponsored by the U.S. Air Force.

2005: The Oregon State Legislature includes \$7 million for ONAMI projects and programs in its budget for the 2005-07 biennium.

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