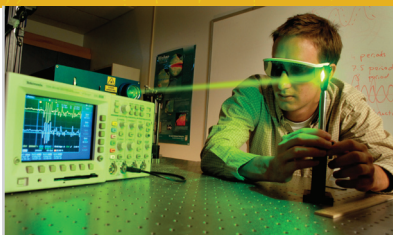


What is **CESED?**

A Hothouse for Ideas



BOISE STATE
UNIVERSITY



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY'S place at the center of the dynamic growth of Southwest Idaho has never come into sharper focus than during the planning process for the Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development (CESED).

This **state-of-the-art interdisciplinary academic and research center** is so essential to the State of Idaho and Boise State that securing partial funding for the estimated \$35 million to \$40 million building is the university's top legislative priority for the 2008 legislative session.

CESED brings together, under one roof, many of the State of Idaho's experts on issues such as **the environment, transportation, water, land use, and community and regional planning.**

In short, CESED creates a **hothouse for ideas essential to the region's continued growth** as a vibrant marketplace, sustainable outdoor playground, statewide political center and home for the one million people expected to live in the metropolitan area by the year 2030.

As the future home to Boise State's departments of **Geosciences, Civil Engineering, Public Policy and Administration, and Political Science**, CESED creates an opportunity for an enhanced interdisciplinary cross-pollination in these arenas. Community partners who rely on Boise State's expertise and leadership in these areas will reap even greater benefits through an enhanced ability to attract more externally sponsored research and advance academics.

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Politicians, donors: Support BSU research

When it comes to colleges, we all have a thing for rankings and rivalries.

School spirit lends itself to competitiveness and a steady stream of smack talk.

Not so in the arena of research. When one Idaho university builds up its research portfolio, the victory does not necessarily come at the expense of its in-state rivals. Universities

If BSU research aids the Valley's high-tech economy, supports a health-care system that serves 600,000 Valley residents, or examines urban land-use issues such as the shortage of mobile-home units in Boise, these projects help the state and do not hurt the universities.

THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **CESED** brings three of Boise State's central academic, research and community support pillars under one roof
- **CESED** supports interdisciplinary research initiatives, educational programs and research partnerships in the area of environmental science and economic development
- **CESED** continues the university's practice of finding and encouraging academic and research synergies and pooling resources
- **CESED's** interdisciplinary cross-pollination of the programs housed there will be aided by a building organization and state-of-the-art design that promotes collaboration between scientists, engineers and public policy experts
- **CESED** is the first of four new science and engineering buildings in Boise State's southeast expansion zone – adjacent to the Engineering Technology building, the Micron Engineering Center and the Harry Morrison Laboratory
- **CESED** answers the university's need for more room to house the university's expanding research portfolio through the creation of cutting edge geological science and civil engineering teaching and research laboratories
- **CESED's** modern laboratories and work areas are configured within a modular lab design and infrastructure system ensuring future flexibility including rapid and inexpensive reconfiguration in response to changes in research participants or project needs