

CLIMATE TECH



The climate technology cluster is thriving in Greater Portland. As top talent and pioneering companies continue to choose the region for its supportive community and environmental ethos, it's no wonder Greater Portland is ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for sustainability.

Our top strengths



DEEP, SPECIALIZED TALENT POOL

Greater Portland has led the nation in climate tech for decades. In 2008, the Oregon Institute of Technology was the **first in the nation to offer a bachelor's degree in renewable energy**, which is now ranked No. 3 in the U.S. Meanwhile, **Oregon State University is No. 2 on the West Coast for renewable energy research.**



SUPPORTIVE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Grants from Washington's Clean Energy Fund **support development, demonstration and deployment of renewable technologies.** The first of its kind in the U.S., the Portland Clean Energy Fund taxes large Portland retailers to fund clean energy projects that **help historically marginalized communities.**



FERTILE GROUND FOR STARTUPS

Our region believes in the power of climate tech to change the world. In 2021, **six area climate tech companies raised nearly \$550 million** in venture capital. Local organizations such as CleanTech Alliance, Cascadia CleanTech Accelerator and VertueLab provide **funding, mentorship, connections and entrepreneurial support** to local climate tech startups.

REGIONAL INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS

14,400

Employees

843

Establishments

Top 10

Oregon and Washington are among the top 10 states for electric vehicle-friendliness.

2x scientists

Greater Portland has twice the average national concentration of life scientists, conservation technicians and biological technicians.

Net zero

Oregon aims to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2040. Washington aims to transition by 2045.

KEY PORTLAND METRO EMPLOYERS **Denotes headquarters*



Employees: 250*

175*

140*

100*

85*



CLIMATE TECH ECOSYSTEM

Industry Clusters

ENERGY SUPPLY CHAIN

- Cascade Controls
- Eaton
- Obvius (Levitin)
- Veris (Schneider)
- US Digital

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- Cascade Energy
- Cadmus
- CLEAResult
- Ecova
- Energy Trust of Oregon
- Enhabit
- NW Energy Efficiency Alliance
- Pacific Light Technologies
- Research Into Action, Inc.

ENERGY SOFTWARE + DATA ANALYTICS

- Iotas
- Pneu-Logic
- Qualitrol

WATER FILTRATION + MANAGEMENT

- Clarus Water
- Evoqua Water Technologies
- Freshwater Trust
- Puralytics
- Stevens Water

RENEWABLE ENERGY MANUFACTURING + DEVELOPMENT

- Avangrid Renewables
- Blue Earth
- Columbia Power
- eChemion
- EDP Renewables
- EDF Renewables
- Equilibrium Capital
- ESS, Inc.
- HM3
- Lucid Energy
- NextEra
- Novaxis Energy
- NuScale Power
- Pacific Light Technologies
- Polaris Battery Labs
- Powin

ENERGY + GREEN BUILDING STANDARD SETTING ORGANIZATIONS

- Earth Advantage
- Ecodistricts
- EPEAT
- New Buildings Institute

GREEN BUILDING EXPERTS

- Columbia Vista Corporation
- CH2M
- David Evans and Associates
- Gerding Edlen
- Glumac
- Sera Architects
- ZGF



AMERICA'S MOST SUSTAINABLE CITY



Portland is the No. 1 most sustainable city in the U.S., according to Rocket Homes.

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