



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) is made and entered into this First day of May, 2009 (the “Effective Date”) by and between Portland State University and the CITY OF PORTLAND. Portland State University and the City may collectively be referred to herein as the Parties and individually as the Party.

RECITALS

Whereas, the City of Portland and Portland State University share a joint interest in ensuring the economic vitality of the City of Portland, improving quality of life for all of Portland’s residents, and advancing the education, research, and service mission of Portland State University; and

Whereas, Portland State University is a major provider of quality accessible higher education, a source of new knowledge of importance to the Portland region’s key economic sectors, and a major employer in the Portland region; and

Whereas Portland State University and the City of Portland, working through the Portland Development Commission and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, have jointly undertaken a review of the University District and its relevance to the vitality of the Central City; and

Whereas, Portland State University’s focus on sustainability matches the emerging goals of the City of Portland to be one of the most sustainable cities in the world; and

Whereas the City of Portland’s Portland Development Commission is currently finalizing an Economic Development Strategy that includes a higher education component that not only recognizes the importance of Portland State University to the future economic vitality of Portland but also requires the intellectual assets of Portland State University to implement that strategy; and

Whereas Portland State University is currently completing an economic development strategy that aligns with the City of Portland’s economic development strategy.

Now, THEREFORE,

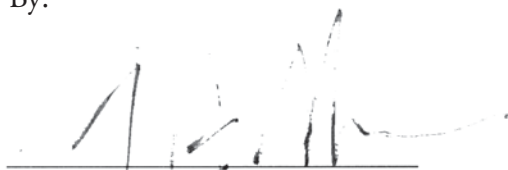
The City of Portland and Portland State University agree to the following:

1. Portland State University and the City of Portland will continue to collaborate on planning and implementation of:
 - a. the University District amendment to the updated Central City Plan due to be completed in 2009-10,

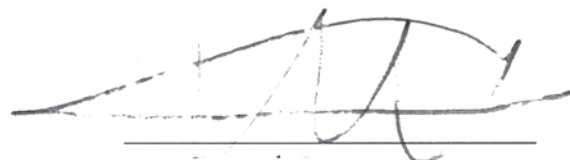
- b. the Eco District currently in development as a model of maximum sustainable community infrastructure, and
 - c. the sustainability goals for the City of Portland in the Central City, including the development of the Portland + Oregon Sustainability Institute and a living building on the Portland State University campus to feature best practices in human living and working habitat;
2. Align the Economic Development Strategy of the City of Portland and the Economic Development Strategy of Portland State University to ensure that each strategy advances the overall economic development objectives of the city while serving the instructional, research, and service mission of Portland State University;
3. Create a focused point of contact within Portland State University to provide a bridge to university resources which are critical to economic development and assist the Portland Development Commission in its economic development responsibility;
4. Support the development and utilization of expertise, data, and information systems at Portland State University to address issues of specific concern to the economic, environmental, and social sustainability of the Portland region including:
 - a. an inventory of academic resources at Portland State University and links to key regional industries and business clusters;
 - b. an inventory of all higher education resources in the region;
 - c. a workforce tool that maps academic degrees to projected occupational needs of the region;
 - d. analysis of needs, trends, and issues facing the regional economy and its key industry clusters;
5. Maintain the City of Portland's longstanding commitment to provide paid internships for graduate students from the Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning in City bureaus and offices in all facets of the city necessary to accomplish the goals of this Agreement. The Toulan School, in turn, will continue to assist with this effort by recruiting appropriate applicants from among its graduate students for paid City internships and will assist the City in creation of internship opportunities for undergraduate students; and
6. Ensure transparency and accountability for each partner's contributions to this Partnership and the results of our joint efforts.

The City of Portland and Portland State University recognize that these activities are of vital importance to the future of the region. As such the provisions of this memorandum become effective upon the signatures below.

By:



Sam Adams, Mayor
City of Portland



Wim Wiewel, President
Portland State University