The SW Washington High Technology Council (HTC) was founded in 2001 by leading technology businesses in SW Washington.

- Meets quarterly.
- Is a Washington not-for-profit corporation.
- Works cooperatively with the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Clark PUD, WSU-V, Clark College, SW WA STEM Network, Identity Clark County and CREDC.
- Website: [http://www.swwahtc.org/](http://www.swwahtc.org/)

We represent the largest assembly of semiconductor industry employers in Washington State, employing ~ 4,000 high tech people in Clark County at very good family wages.

Two HTC companies in SW Washington have been designated an “Industries of State Wide Significance” (SEH-America and WaferTech).

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WSU-V: Washington State University – Vancouver
CREDC: Columbia River Economic Development Council
The purpose of the HTC is...

“... to ensure to the economic well-being and high quality of life SW Washington citizens enjoy by supporting public policies and initiatives that promote an environment conducive to high technology development and growth.”

Member Companies...

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**LABORATORIES OF AMERICA, INC.**
Dr. Larry Meixner

![Shin Etsu](ShinEtsu.png)

**SEH-America**
Bob Schaefer
Ben Bagherpour

![nLIGHT](nLIGHT.png)

**Scott Keeney**

![Linear Technology](LinearTechnology.png)

Jeff Parker
Jim Short

![Kyocera](Kyocera.png)

**KYOCERA International, Inc.**
Patrick Cotter

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**Tim Drake**

![WaferTech](WaferTech.png)

![Kokusai](Kokusai.png)

Rob Bernardi

John Marck

Tsung Kuo
Wayne Yeh
4 Areas of HTC Focus

1. Competitiveness

   - Success:
     - SB 5725 – Semiconductor Cluster 2003
     - HB 3190 – Tax incentives: Semiconductor Cluster 2006
     - Worker’s Compensation System Reform
   - Concern:
     - Higher Energy Costs

2. Educated Workforce

   - Success:
     - WSU-V Electrical Engineering Program
     - SEH’s partnership with Evergreen Schools resulting in internships and materials science curriculum
     - Support of SW WA STEM Network
   - Concern:
     - STEM and soft skills needed for future workforce at all levels from operator to engineer
     - Gaps in knowledge of local industry among students and educators

3. Transportation / Infrastructure

   - Success:
     - 192nd interchange off Highway 14
   - Concern:
     - Columbia River Crossing; I-5 Bridge Replacement
     - Transportation Funding for SW Washington

4. Economic Development
• Collectively, the HTC supports the I-5 bridge replacement and advocates for the state and federal funding necessary to build this crucial transportation improvement:

  • The I-5 bridge replacement is vitally important to Washington’s economic competitiveness and business vitality.

  • I-5 represents the most important link along the West Coast transportation corridor.

• The governors of Washington and Oregon should take the lead on this issue and officially assign the Washington and Oregon Transportation Commissions with responsibility in jointly developing a solution(s) to the I-5 bridge issue.