

HTC Overview

- 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/>
- 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).

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...



LABORATORIES OF AMERICA, INC.

Dr. Larry Meixner



SEH-America

Bob Schaefer
Ben Bagherpour



Rob Bernardi



Scott Keeney



Jeff Parker
Jim Short



John Marck



KYOCERA International, Inc.

Patrick Cotter



Tim Drake



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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.....

- **Success:**
 - Exemption of sales tax on machinery and equipment
- **Concern:**
 - B&O Tax

- 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.