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BUSINESS EDUCATION COMPACT
Receives \$40,000 Capacity Building Grant

July 1, 2009, Beaverton, OR - The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) has awarded a second year grant of \$40,000 to the Business Education Compact (BEC) to support a full-time marketing and business development specialist. The BEC is experiencing successful results from having a dedicated sales professional focused on building new opportunities made possible with initial OCF funding in 2008.

The Oregon Community Foundation works with a broad base of donors, nonprofits and volunteers throughout the state. OCF distributed \$63 million in 2008 to more than 1,800 nonprofits and 2,000 students. This grant was made possible through the following funds: Gladys S. Hawkins Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation; William Swindells, Sr. Memorial Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation; and Clayton and Edith Strain Memorial Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

"The Foundation's two-year investment in the BEC has helped us accelerate our business development cycle, improve our operational systems, and build new strategic partnerships in the community. Now the BEC is positioned to grow our core programs and reach thousands more students and teachers each year," said Tamra Busch-Johnsen, Executive Director for BEC.

Throughout its 25-year history, the BEC has been making learning real by connecting the classroom and workplace through innovative, hands-on experiences such as student and teacher internships; helping students realize how studying science, math and technology can translate into exciting career opportunities; forging education and business partnerships and advocating for quality education in Oregon. The BEC has reached over 250,000 students and teachers. Learn more about the BEC at www.becpdx.org.

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