## Annual Research Report FY 2008

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### **OVPR** Imperatives

- Strategic Leadership
- Positioning U-M to Thrive and Lead
- Give Faculty the Tools to Succeed, and Recognition When They Do

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#### Research volume rises to new records

Industry partnerships expand

Promoting faculty excellence takes center stage

Research Cyber-infrastructure transformation gets going

Energy research boost for campus, economy



### Research Spending

Total reaches \$876M

6.4%

Federal spending at \$611M



Med. School Funding Rank Rises to 7th

Industry Spending at \$43M



All Time High

- ✓ FY'09: More increases likely
- ✓ Research portfolio = stability in turbulent times
- ✓ Major opportunities: energy and sustainability



### Strengthening Industry Partnerships

- 13 U-M spin-offs in FY08 (among highest in US)
- Licensing income: \$25M
- U-M leads statewide university effort to jump start economy



Funding from C. S. Mott Foundation and the New Economy Initiative



### Changing the Culture

- "Remarkable transformation" underway. "U-M is now very much a leader in industry outreach."
  - -- Edward Krause, Ford Motor Co.
- Recognizing and rewarding faculty for industry interactions
  - Example:
    Distinguished University Innovator Award



### **Business Engagement Center Opens**





- Gateway for industry
- Collaboration between OVPR and Development
- Presence sends strong message



# Reputation of faculty strongly influences rankings

UNIVERSITY	2006 R&D EXPENDITURES	NAS MEMBERS	IOM MEMBERS	NAE MEMBERS
U MICHIGAN	\$800M	20	35	22
STANFORD	\$679M	132	53	85
UC BERKELEY	\$546M	131	10	75
MIT	\$601M	109	28	109

OVPR working with units to significantly increase recognition



### Faculty Excellence

 New Faculty Hires in Strategic Areas

Former Pfizer
 scientists become
 core of new U-M
 Center for Drug Design





### Faculty Excellence

- Research faculty career paths redesigned
  - Consulted with all 19 schools and colleges, and faculty groups
  - Establishes equity, path for advancement, clarity, enhances university reputation
  - Process a "model of collegiality" between central administration and faculty
    - -- David Potter, SACUA Chair.

### Computation in Research

- Common thread running through all disciplines
- Essential to research mission
- Coordinating with MAIS
- Goals:
  - Maximize current resources
  - Expand capabilities
  - Efficient and cost effective
- New AVPR: Dan Atkins

#### **ENERGY**

### Building on Strengths, Positioning for New Opportunities

- Opportunities abound
  - Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV)
  - New Generation Batteries
  - DTE Green Energy Prize
- Clear priority of state and federal government
- Ideal for partnering with all sectors
- Recruiting faculty to fill gaps

### **Impacting Policy**

- New administration sees gains to economy and environment in building energy infrastructure
- U-M helping to set national agenda
  - New mechanisms to support energy independence in the works



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