

Northwest National Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Network

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Though a significant amount of research, industrial, and educational activity in nanoscience and nanotechnology takes place in the Northwest, the region does not have the visibility of other parts of the country. In addition, many regional activities could benefit from the capabilities and expertise of others within the region. The Northwest Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Network (N4) was recently founded by ten northwest educational, research, and business organizations to link the variety of nanoscience and technology activities in the Northwest and provide a visible and accessible organization. N4 is collecting and linking useful information in one convenient location. N4 brings together regional researchers, educators, science and technology organizations, and industries interested in nanoscience research activities and applications.

The N4 website (www.pnl.gov/nwnano) provides a plethora of information, including a calendar of regional and national nano-activities, a list of contacts for participating organizations, and a description of select research activities in the Northwest. In addition to the public website, there is also a secure working site to which registered N4 participants have access. Here, participants can share documents with other N4 groups or individuals. Registered N4 participants can make calendar entries, store or share documents, and add papers to the list of publications.

Those interested in nanoscience and nanotechnology are encouraged to register as an N4 participant at www.pnl.gov/nwnano. Founding N4 organizations include Avagadro Associates, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Oregon State University, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Portland State University, University of Washington, the University of Idaho, University of Oregon, Washington State University, and the Washington Technology Center.