



CO-LABS conducts **research** about the economic impact and scientific value of Colorado's federal research labs, **educates** the public about these benefits, promotes **technology collaboration** among the labs, universities and private sector, and **advocates** for the retention and expansion of Colorado's scientific resources.

Economic Impact

Colorado population 3.5 million

20 federally funded & managed research labs
Labs' impact \$1.25 billion this year; more than
our ski industry

Employs 6,200 workers, 38% with advanced
degrees and average pay \$90,000

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Colorado Renewable Energy COLLABORATORY

A research partnership among the
**National Renewable Energy
Laboratory** and Colorado's
premier research universities –
**Colorado State University,
University of Colorado Boulder
and Colorado School of Mines**

COLLABORATORY Goals

- **Increase the production and use of energy from renewable resources like wind energy, solar energy, and biofuels**
- Support economic growth in Colorado and the nation with renewable energy industries
- **Build a renewable energy economy in rural Colorado and rural America**
- Establish Colorado as America's leading center of renewable energy research and production
- **Educate our nation's finest energy researchers, technicians and work force**

COLLABORATORY Research Centers

- Colorado Center for Biorefining and Biofuels (C2B2)
- Center for Revolutionary Solar Photoconversion (CRSP)
- Future Research Centers will focus on wind energy, carbon management, and energy efficiency