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TRI CITIES RESEARCH DISTRICT (TCRD), receives \$100,000 from the Battelle Foundation

The TCRD received notice it was selected by the Battelle Foundation to receive \$100,000 dollars, over three years to be used to support the districts budget.

“The dollars being provided from the Battelle Foundation emphasis the importance of this project to the overall region”, stated Diahann Howard, TCRD Executive Director. “Our goal is to focus the dollars on key initiatives to develop the organization. The TCRD board thanks the Battelle Foundation for its support and leadership.”

The TCRD has been following recommendations made by its consultant in 2005. These plans have provided a guiding framework to help reposition the TCRD in becoming a recruitment magnet for the Tri-Cities community. The goal is for the area to be developed as an *Innovation Eco System*, assisting research and technology companies to successfully develop, commercialize and market their products worldwide. Other activities include a master plan for 500 acres of undeveloped property within the 1,600 acre TCRD. The entire district is a planned demonstration site for clean energy and sustainable development projects and building practices.

TCRD web site: <http://www.tricitiesresearchdistrict.org/>

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