

Consortium

SAMRI will be supported and guided by a consortium. The consortium will be developed initially among private companies, large and small, that have interests in weather and climate and related areas. These companies may include private forecasting services, instruments manufacturers, the media, environmental consulting firms, and those with emphasis in aviation, insurance, sports, recreation and tourism, tracking distribution, agriculture, biomedicine, and automobile manufacturing. Other governmental and non-governmental organizations also may be members. The consortium members collectively will support and benefit from a research and development entity.

Relationship with Faculty and Existing Development Units in the University

SAMRI acts as an interface between the consortium members and the University of Oklahoma weather and climate research programs, matching the need of the consortium members with the capabilities of the University. In this role, the Institute serves both as a source of funding for consortium-wide activities and as a channel for specific member-funded activities. The Institute arranges for research and development activities and create technology transfer capabilities to move the results of applied research into operational practice.