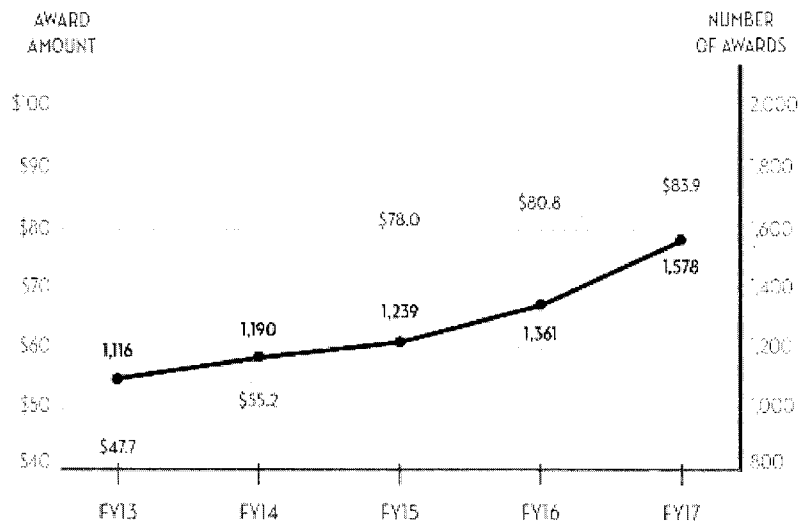


Dollar amounts represented in millions

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**Business & Industry funding reached an all-time high of \$83.9 million in FY2017**, continuing a growth trend in this category since FY2013, as shown in Figure 4 (left axis), which also shows an increase in the number of awards over this same period of time (right axis). The year-to-year increase in funding activity coincides with priorities focused on public private partnerships including the previously mentioned increase in number of clinical trial awards in the CTSI and the Medical School.

**Figure 4 Business and Industry Activity 2013-2017**



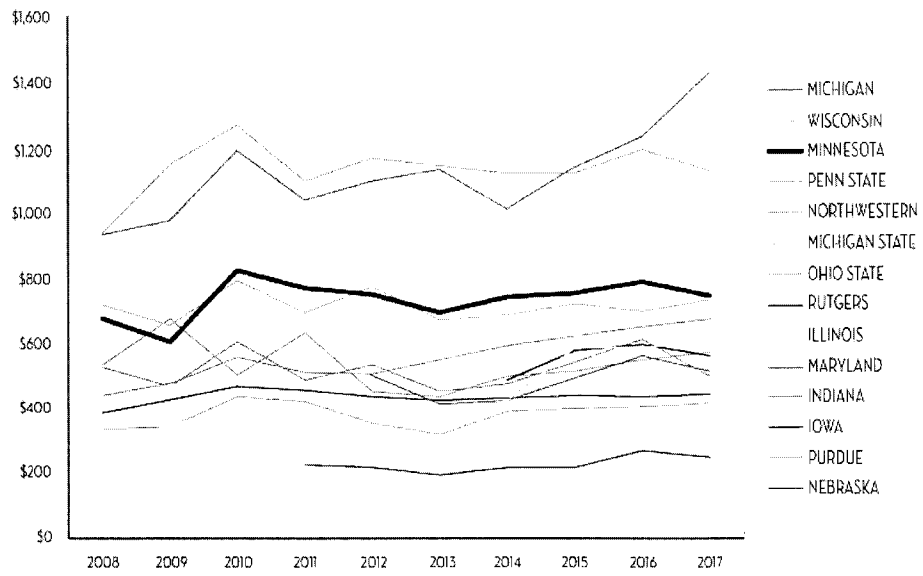
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In addition, OVPR launched several significant public-private partnership strategies since FY2011, including MnDRIVE, the Minnesota Innovation Partnerships (MN-IP) program, and the Corporate Engagement Workgroup (CEW), that have helped drive growth in the B&I portfolio. MnDRIVE-supported researchers attracted \$6.5 million in B&I funding in FY2017, and, as indicated in Table 3, the funding level of industry sponsored research projects using MN-IP agreements continues to grow.

Figure 5 compares research award funding over 10 years with selected members of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA, formerly the Committee on Institutional Cooperation). Within this

elite group of universities, the University of Minnesota continued to rank third among Big Ten schools.

**Figure 5: Award Funding by Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) Institutions (FY2008-2017)**



Dollar amounts represented in millions

Big Ten CIC database.