Biography for Dr. Robert W. Thresher

Dr. Robert W. Thresher is Research Fellow for the Golden, Colo.-based, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

Dr. Thresher has more than 40 years of research, development, engineering, and management experience in wind technology and ocean energy systems. As a professor at Oregon State University, he worked with the Department of Energy (DOE) to develop early wind technologies. At NREL, he has been a principal researcher developing early wind technology and an architect of NREL's wind program and the creation of the National Wind Technology Center.

Since 2008, Dr. Thresher has served as NREL Wind Energy Research Fellow. He is also a strategist and spokesperson for the initiation of a national research program to develop offshore renewable energy technologies.

He is currently serving as mentor and team supervisor for NREL's wave, tidal, river and tidal current research team.