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GATEWAY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING FOR JOINT SCHOOL OF NANOSCIENCE AND NANOENGINEERING, NOV. 9

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Unveiling plans for a 100,000(+)-square-foot research facility located at the South Campus of Gateway University Research Park in Greensboro, N.C., North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will host the official groundbreaking of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) on Monday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. The Gateway campus is located at 2901 East Lee Street. Guest speakers on the dais include: Erskine Bowles, UNC System President; Linda Brady, Chancellor of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Harold Martin, Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University; and Joe Hackney, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

The JSNN is a joint academic unit between NCA&T and UNCG, and its goal is to be a world leader in research and nano-related education by developing research strengths in interdisciplinary nano fields and achieving economic growth for the Triad through joint investment and co-location with NC, national and international company partners. The JSNN initially plans to offer Professional Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Nanoscience and then develop degree programs in Nanoengineering. The JSNN will work closely with the Piedmont Triad community to help enhance opportunities for economic growth through its outreach and engagement activities.

Gateway University Research Park is a joint collaboration between NCA&T and UNCG and serves as a bridge to successful commercial application for the scientific research being performed at Greensboro's two high research universities. University officials expect that over the next 20 years, Gateway University Research Park will contribute \$250 million to the economy of the region.

John Merrill, executive director of Gateway University Research Park said, "The Nanoscience and Nanoengineering industries are a direct pathway to the future of major technological breakthroughs in the areas of nanobiology, nanometrology, nanocomposite materials and bioelectronics."

Gateway University Research Park is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity created to manage and operate the joint collaboration between North Carolina A&T State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro for the purposes of research and economic development within the Triad. Gateway University Research Park will attract, establish and/or retain businesses and organizations driven by the discovery of new knowledge and technologies. For more information, visit www.GatewayURP.com.