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GATEWAY UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARK GROUNDBREAKING, MAY 16

GREENSBORO, NC – After announcing a new name, new board and new \$250 million master plan, Gateway University Research Park will break ground for the South Campus facility at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007. The South Campus is located on Lee Street across from Barber Park. In order to accommodate the number of invited guests, the ceremonial ribbon-cutting will be held across the street from the South Campus at the North Carolina A&T State University Picnic Pavilion at 3100 Lee Street in Greensboro, NC. UNC System President Erskine Bowles will take part in the ceremonial ground breaking and ribbon-cutting events.

Gateway University Research Park is a joint collaboration between North Carolina A&T State University (NCA&T) and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). The research park is a bridge between two major universities' research efforts and is expected to be a "gateway" to the economic future of the region. 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, "Breaking ground for this facility is a monumental event that reflects the future of this region. Gateway University Research Park is making history through its joint collaborative efforts with two dynamic universities within a geographic region that's poised for phenomenal growth in research."

As part of the groundbreaking presentation, Gateway officials will present a virtual video tour of the South Campus and also remarks from NCA&T Chancellor Lloyd Hackley, UNCG Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan, UNC System President Erskine Bowles, Chief Arlen Lancaster from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which will have a major facility at Gateway, and J. Edward Kitchen, chairman of the Gateway board.

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 and retain educational, corporate and community service agencies which advance scientific and educational research. For more information, visit www.GatewayURP.com.

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