



Gateway University Research Park Hires Director of Outreach and Commercialization

DECEMBER 1, 2010 - GREENSBORO, NC - Gateway University Research Park ("Gateway") today announced the hiring of Andrew L. Wooten as Director of Outreach & Commercialization.



Andrew L Wooten

As Director, Mr. Wooten will have the primary responsibility to develop public-private partnerships with high technology firms that will take advantage of the capabilities of Gateway's facilities and the innovations from the researchers at the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering ("JSNN"), a joint academic program of North Carolina A&T State University ("NCAT") and The University of North Carolina Greensboro ("UNCG").

Mr. Wooten, working with the technology transfer offices of NCAT and UNCG, will work to craft and negotiate mutually beneficial partnerships around promising research and technologies within both universities, in particular, the JSNN. The JSNN currently offers Professional Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Nanoscience and is developing master's and doctoral degree programs in Nanoengineering. These collaborations between the public and private sectors will provide access for startup and mature companies to the highly specialized facilities, laboratories, and equipment located at Gateway University Research Park.

John Merrill, executive director of Gateway University Research Park said, "We're very excited to add Andrew to the Gateway team. His prior work experience, entrepreneurial spirit, and training as a scientist are a perfect match for the types of partnerships that will drive the success of the research park".

Dr. Jim Ryan, Dean of JSNN said, "Andrew's insight and experience will be critical as JSNN and Gateway develop partnerships with nanotechnology companies. We look forward to continuing the development of our co-location model with Andrew on the team."

"I am delighted to be a part of this exciting initiative to bring the industries of the future to Greensboro and the Piedmont Triad area," said Wooten. "There is a wave of innovation in the field of nanotechnology, which will open up immense new possibilities that address the needs of society. It will also lead to important commercial opportunities across a broad range of applications."

"The regions that embrace and develop this technology will be leaders in the industries that spring up around it," continued Wooten. "This project is visionary in its recognition of this technological trend and its potential to positively impact regional economic development. It takes the support of the entire community to pull off something like this, so I commend all of the various stakeholders who have come together to make this happen."

Mr. Wooten was most recently Vice President, US West with Neri Capital Partners in Phoenix, Arizona, where he specialized in mergers and acquisition transactions involving technology

companies. Prior to that he was Vice President and Managing Director for Arizona Technology Enterprises where he was instrumental in the formation of over 20 new technology ventures and 300 licensing agreements based on Arizona State University technologies. Additional experience includes technology commercialization at the University of Chicago as well as business development positions with Thermo Fisher Scientific and Applied Biosystems.

Mr. Wooten has a B.A. in Chemistry from Berea College, a Master's of Science Technology from the University of Georgia and an MBA in Finance and Technology Management from Mercer University.

About Gateway University Research Park

Gateway University Research Park is a joint collaboration between *North Carolina A&T State University and The University of North Carolina at Greensboro* 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.

Gateway University Research Park is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity created to manage and operate the joint collaboration between NCAT and UNCG for the purposes of research and economic development within the Triad. Gateway 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.

About the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering

The Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) is a joint academic program of North Carolina A&T State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. JSNN's goal is to become a world class education and research institution, serving as an engine for economic growth in the Greensboro/Triad area. The Joint School's Nanoscience and Nanoengineering education and research programs are intended to produce trained professionals that are highly sought in the fields of pharmaceuticals, defense, medicine, materials, electronics and communications.

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