



Center for Advanced Engineering & Research is open for business in Bedford County

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Bedford County, Va.---The Center for Advanced Engineering & Research (CAER) held a ribbon cutting event on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to mark the grand opening of its new regional research and education facility in Bedford County.

The CAER is a non-profit organization within Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership that creates working relationships between high-tech industries, major R&D centers and university researchers, and delivers professional development opportunities for scientists and engineers. The 30,000 square-foot facility was made possible through a \$7.6 million grant from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission and will serve as the region's source for industry innovation in nuclear and wireless technologies.

"Today's grand opening is no ordinary ribbon cutting," noted Delegate Kathy J. Byron (R-Campbell). "This ribbon cutting holds the promise of future jobs and opportunity for people throughout our region. The Tobacco Commission is proud to partner with CAER to provide Central and Southside Virginia with the foundation we need to attract firms in the most promising sector of the world economy."

The facility is the first technology organization to be located in the New London Business & Technology Center, a 300-acre industrial park developed in recent years by the county's Economic Development Authority. It was "built to order" through direct input from dozens of local industry leaders who plan to utilize the building.

"Even before opening our doors officially} we already have a great deal of interest from local companies about what the facility and the CAER can provide for them. It's not just about the research space. They like the collaboration aspects of being around other researchers and university resources," says Bob Bailey, Executive Director of the CAER.

Babcock & Wilcox has located its mPower™ Integrated System Test Facility within the facility and other entities such as AREVA, University of Virginia and Innovative Wireless Technologies have secured research space in the building so far.

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"AREVA is delighted to bring our digital Instrumentation & Control technology to the research center and to have such wonderful partners in providing this opportunity for training and research in Central Virginia," said AREVA Inc. Chief Operating Officer Mike Rencheck, referencing AREVA's donation of software and intellectual property that will establish a digital nuclear power plant main control room simulator in the CAER facility. This technology is the first and only digital reactor control and protection system licensed and installed in the United States.

The CAER facility was designed to achieve LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). Some of the "green standards" of the building include low flow plumbing fixtures, reduced water consumption, and recycled content in wall panels, structural steel and other features.

Local and state officials, business leaders, and general CAER supporters attended the public event which started with a ribbon cutting outdoors, followed by comments and a reception inside. Tours of the CAER facility and the New London Business and Technology Center were also offered.

For further information, please call the CAER at 434-477-5060. The CAER is located at Rt. 460 and Meade Road in the New London area at 1173 Research Way, Forest, Virginia 24551.

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About the CAER:

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About the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission

The Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission is a 31-member body created by the 1999 General Assembly to promote economic growth and development in tobacco-dependent communities, using proceeds of the national tobacco settlement. To date, the Commission has awarded 1,365 grants totaling more than \$763.7 million across the tobacco region of the Commonwealth, and has made available nearly \$268 million in indemnification payments to tobacco growers and quota holders. For information on the Commission's history, mission, funding programs and recent grant awards, visit our website at www.tic.virginia.gov or call tollfree 877-807-1086.