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AURP NAMES WINNERS OF 2014 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Technology Square at the Georgia Institute of Technology Receives 2014 Outstanding Research/Science Park Award

Tucson, Ariz., December 9, 2014 – The Association of University Research Parks (AURP) names the Technology Square at the Georgia Institute of Technology as the 2014 Outstanding Research/Science Park, as part of AURP's Annual Awards of Excellence. This award program recognizes the achievements of outstanding research parks and those who direct them, and encourages the development of best practices among university research and science parks.

"For 10 years, we have all known that Tech Square is an outstanding university research park," said AURP President Kevin Byrne. "I am very pleased that Tech Square's excellence has been recognized and that it now joins the AURP Academy of Outstanding Research Parks."

Today, Georgia Tech's presence within Atlanta's Tech Square include the Scheller College of Business, research facilities, a Global Learning Center and a conference hotel. Georgia Tech's economic development programs, including the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC), which *Forbes* named as a "Top 12 Incubator Changing the World" in 2013, are also located in Tech Square.

Others recognized at the 2014 AURP Awards of Excellence include:

– The University Technology Park at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) - Emerging Research Park Award

The AURP Emerging Research Park Award recognizes a park, in operation less than 10 years, which excels in moving technology from the laboratory to economically viable business activities. UTP's achievements include transforming one of Chicago's poorest and troubled neighborhoods into a safe, vibrant community and creating a home for IIT's Idea Shop, where thousands of students learn about high-tech innovation each year.

– Governor James Baxter Hunt of North Carolina - Leadership Award
The AURP Leadership Award is given in recognition of a business, university or governmental leader who has made an outstanding contribution to the success and total community impact of a university research and technology park. Governor Hunt's best-known innovation leadership initiatives include the Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University and the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research.

– Modernizing Medicine - Innovation Award
The AURP Innovation Award recognizes a company within a university research park that has produced a substantial and meaningful innovative product or service. Modernizing Medicine, located in the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University, is transforming how healthcare information is created, consumed and utilized. The company's product, Electronic Medical Assistant® (EMA), is a cloud-based, electronic health record system designed to save physician's time. To date, over 4,000 providers are using EMA in more than 10 million patient encounters, and over 25 percent of the entire U.S. dermatology market has adopted the platform.

– Robert T. Geolas, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina - Vision Award
The AURP Vision Award recognizes an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the AURP community. Geolas joined the Research Triangle Foundation in November 2011, and leads Research Triangle Park as a cutting edge community using technology and applied science to create prosperity. He achieves its mission of creating opportunities for all of North Carolina by positioning RTP to craft new environments which will define North Carolina's technology-based economy for the 21st century.

– Dr. Joe Meredith, President of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center (CRC) - Career Achievement Award

The AURP Career Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made research parks a central focus of their career, achieved success with a park over a substantial period of time and received peer recognition for advancing the field of research parks. In addition to serving as President of CRC, he is an adjunct professor in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Department at Virginia Tech. Meredith serves on numerous boards of directors of private companies and charitable organizations.

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About AURP
The Association of University Research Parks is a professional association of university related research and science parks. AURP's mission is to foster innovation, commercialization and economic growth through university, industry and government partnerships. For more information, visit AURP's web site at www.aurp.net or contact Eileen Walker at eileenwalker@aurp.net.