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Gov. Perry Breaks Ground for UT-Dallas, Texas Instruments Partnership

Facilities to House Enhanced Engineering and Computer Science Program, New \$3 Billion Wafer Plant

DALLAS – Gov. Rick Perry today joined with leaders of the University of Texas System and Texas Instruments (TI) for a ceremonial groundbreaking at two facilities that will help bring jobs to North Texas: a new University of Texas at Dallas research facility that will help increase the school's science, engineering and math graduates by 50 percent, and a new \$3 billion TI wafer fabrication plant.

“The world class science and engineering facility at UT Dallas will not only help bring the world's best minds to Texas, it will help to develop the best aspiring young minds in Texas,” Perry said. “And the new TI plant will keep our state at the forefront of an industry that is critical to our future prosperity - semiconductor manufacturing.”

In June 2003, Gov. Perry announced that the state's commitment of \$50 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) to enhance engineering and computer science programs at the University of Texas at Dallas. The investment played a key role in Texas Instruments' decision to build a new \$3 billion, 1 million square foot wafer fabrication research and manufacturing plant in Richardson. The new plant will employ 1,000 highly-skilled and well-paid workers, many of whom will be UT-Dallas graduates.

“The students who graduate from UT Dallas' invigorated science and engineering program will receive a high-quality education, and be prepared to assume leadership roles in our high-tech marketplace,” Perry said. “And not only will Texas Instruments benefit from a better educated workforce right in their backyard, but so will any other high-tech company looking to expand and grow in Texas.”

“This project is proof positive that partnerships between state, business and academic leaders are one of the best ways to create jobs, opportunity and prosperity for Texans,” Perry said.

The TI expansion was the largest job creation announcement in the nation last year.

Perry noted that since the Texas Instrument-UT-Dallas announcement, the TEF has been used to close deals that will create more than 14,000 new Texas jobs and infuse nearly \$6 billion into the state's economy. He cited the fund as a key reason Texas was recently named the number one state to do business

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