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SCOTT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CUTS RIBBON FOR “CROOKED ROAD TECH CENTER”

DUFFIELD, VA – January 5, 2010 – Today, state and local officials, including Virginia Lt. Governor William T. Bolling, conducted a ribbon cutting at the new technology center in Duffield, the Crooked Road Tech Center.

The \$5.9 million 39,000 sq. ft. multi-tenant facility is located in the Scott County Regional Business and Technical Park, which is adjacent to the Duffield Regional Industrial Park. This new state-of-the-art business and tech center will continue to establish Scott County as a mecca for technology to attract high-tech firms to the region.

It is estimated that the first phase of the center will create approximately 140 jobs within one year of construction completion. It is anticipated that the majority of these newly created jobs will be high-paying, technology based positions. Future plans allow for the addition of a second two-story building creating 30,000 sq. ft. of additional tenant space.

Funding for this project was provided by the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, the Scott County Board of Supervisors, the Duffield Development Authority, LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

“It is a pleasure for me to be here today to help celebrate the opening of the Crooked Road Tech Center. The most important issue currently facing Virginia is the need to get our economy moving again and create jobs. This state-of-the-art facility will help us attract more high-tech firms to Southwest Virginia and create good jobs, with high-paying salaries, in this important region of our state,” stated Lt. Governor William T. Bolling, Commonwealth of Virginia. “In my role as Virginia’s Chief Jobs Creation Officer, I am committed to doing everything I can to bring new business, industry, and jobs to every part of Virginia.”

“Quote from Sen. Wampler,” said Senator William C. Wampler, Jr.

“One of the core principles of the Virginia Tobacco Commission is economic development through the revitalization of our tobacco producing counties,” said Delegate Terry Kilgore, Chairman of the Virginia Tobacco Commission. “This significant investment of \$4.5 million into the Crooked Road Tech Center provides a showcase for prospective technology based companies and strategically positions the region for new capital investment in the future.”

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“This important project will enable the county to further expand economic development and continue to bring high-tech, well-paying jobs into Scott County,” said Bill Shelton, Director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. “Through funds from DHCD and many other partners, DHCD is pleased to partner with Scott County and other organizations to help create jobs in the county, helping spur additional spending and economic revitalization in the area

The architect for the project was Thompson & Litton, and the contractor was BurWil Contractors.

The Scott County EDA was assisted and joined today by Lt. Governor William T. Bolling, representatives from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority (VCEDA), the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, the Duffield Development Authority, the Scott County Board of Supervisors, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and other support agencies who have worked cooperatively on this new center.

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