

REMARKS

**GCATT Building Dedication
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It is my pleasure to participate in this ceremony representing not only Georgia Tech, but also the other five member institutions of the Georgia Research Alliance. Not only are we here to dedicate a remarkable facility, but the research universities of Georgia are here to join with Governor Miller in his commitment to helping our state become one of the world's leaders in advanced telecommunications.

(Slide One) Within the GCATT building, ground-breaking research will be conducted by faculty from the six university research partners in the Georgia Research Alliance in conjunction with their industry and government partners. Each of these institutions, four public and two private, bring strengths to the Alliance.

Of course, a building is nothing without talented people to work in it. The Georgia Research Alliance understands this basic fact, and we have set about assembling a most impressive group of faculty members in the form of our GCATT eminent scholars. **(Slides Two/Three)** They are not only distinguished in their personal accomplishments, but also in their demonstrated ability to work readily within the context of both

the university and industry. Many of them first distinguished themselves as researchers within an industrial environment.

Associated with these scholars, and the other key faculty who will work in the GCATT building, will be students from the GRA Universities. These young people will learn from the best and then provide the skilled talent based needed in the burgeoning telecommunications industry in this state.

This building's tenants reflect the rich variety of research that will be conducted. **(Slide Four)** The laboratories include the number one nationally ranked Graphics, Visualization, and Usability Center; the Packaging Research Center, designated by NSF as the national center for excellence in electronics packaging; and the Biomedical Interactive Technology Center, a leading entity in telemedicine. Additional groups occupying space include high-tech start-up companies being incubated by the Advanced Technology Development Center.

The art of collaboration within GCATT will also be extended to other state entities in our efforts to broaden our educational reach. In this endeavor we will be working with our neighbor, the Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission **(Slide Five)**, as well as the University System of Georgia, its Board of Regents and the Chancellor's Office **(Slide Six)**. GCATT will help in developing the high speed delivery systems and in creating educational content for the students who are located in regions outside of the Metropolitan Area of Atlanta.

As you can see, GCATT is an entity worth watching. In 1991, the Atlanta Journal and Constitution referred to GCATT in a headline, "High-tech alliance could help state reach new heights." We are fulfilling this prediction and with the

GCATT building in place, much more lies in our exciting future.

On behalf of GCATT's educational partners, I am proud of our participation in this endeavor. GCATT will be good for Georgia, and we look forward to creating the innovative research that will help Georgia solidify its prominent role in the telecommunications industry.