Revision Made To Georgia Tech's Policy On Procurement Integrity

The following announcement is from a memorandum addressed to Georgia Tech faculty which was distributed by President John P. Crecine on June 6, 1989. On Nov. 6, 1989, I distributed the Georgia Tech Policy on Procurement Integrity. This policy was established to ensure compliance with Section 27 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Act Amendment of 1988. On Nov. 30, 1989, President Bush signed legislation suspending Section 27 of the OFPP Act for one year. As a result of the one-year suspension of Section 27, the certification requirement as outlined in my earlier memo will not apply to contracts with federal government agencies which are signed before Nov. 30, 1990. However, the other provisions of the Procurement Integrity Policy remain in effect. Specifically, Georgia Tech employees are not authorized to:

A) Make any offer or promise of future employment or business opportunity or engage in any discussion of future employment or business opportunity with any procurement official of a federal agency;

B) Offer, give or promise to give any money, gratuity, or other thing of value to any procurement official of a federal agency;

C) Solicit or obtain from any officer or employee of a federal agency, prior to award of a contract, any proprietary or source selection information regarding the procurement of that contract.

These conditions are covered under other federal regulations and policies, and the suspension of Section 27 does not alter them. Crecine said in the memo, "the reason for the one-year suspension is not clear. Commentators suggest it is to allow time to issue clarifying guidance or possibly to modify the Act. I have directed the Office of Contract Administration to keep me abreast of new developments in this area and I will provide suitable revisions to the Georgia Tech policy as appropriate.''

Tech's Story Coming Soon On Video To IES Offices Throughout Georgia

By Jackie Nemeth

On Jan. 26, Vice President for the Office of External Affairs James Langley presented Dr. David Swanson, chief of the Economic Development Division/Economic Development Laboratory/GTRI, with 12 13-inch color television/VCR combination units to be used in EDD's Industrial Extension Services (IES) offices. These television/VCR units will be vital in "a joint major external affairs push on the part of EDD/EDL, the Alumni Association, and the Office of Civic Affairs for the IES offices to present information about Georgia Tech in a new and better way.

"The IES offices provide a wonderful way to spread the Georgia Tech message throughout the state. Our field office professionals are highly respected in their communities, and now they have the right tools to show and tell the Georgia Tech story," Langley said. "Georgia Tech's message is a
Dr. David Seawson, chief of the Economic Development Division in GTRI, (L) was presented color television/VCR units by James Langley, vice president for the Office of External Affairs, on Jan. 26. These units will be utilized by EDD’s 12 Industrial Extension Services offices.

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powerful one, and people respond to it. We are happy to bring Georgia Tech to them through video.”

Georgia Tech’s IES offices are located in Albany, Augusta, Brunswick, Carrollton, Columbus, Douglas, Dublin, Gainesville, Macon, Madison, Rome and Savannah.

Tech Photographers Win CASE Awards

News Bureau photographers Margaret Barrett and Gary Meek received four awards for their color photography in the CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) District III Visual Design Awards Competition.

Staff Photographer Barrett received a Grand Award in the Photo Essays and Series category for “Urban Isle,” the Dorothy Fuqua Conservatory at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens (published in the summer 1989 Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine), and an Award of Excellence in the Photography category (published in the fall 1989 Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine). This award was for a photograph of Dr. Mike O’Bannon holding a laser scored glass video disc in an article entitled “Atlanta Olympic City 1996: Seeing Is Believing.”

Photographic Supervisor Meek received an Award of Excellence for his “Sci Trek” entry in the Photo Essays and Series category. This photo essay on Atlanta’s science and technology museum was featured in the winter 1989 Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine.

Barrett and Meek, jointly received an Award of Excellence in the Photo Essays and Series category for their “Aerospace Engineering” entry. This collection of photographs was produced for recruiting brochures designed by the Office of Publications for the School of Aerospace Engineering. Their awards will be exhibited at the CASE District III Conference to be held at Atlanta’s Marriott Marquis on Feb. 17-21. They will receive a certificate for each award.

Barrett came to Tech in November 1985. A graduate of West Georgia College, she is formerly a chief photographer at the Marietta Daily Journal and the Cartersville Tribune.

Meek came to Tech in the fall of 1984. He is a graduate of Georgia State University and has formerly worked at the Home Mission Board.

Student Applicants Being Taken For Tech Search 90

On Friday, March 9, the College of Engineering’s Office of Special Programs, in conjunction with CH2MHIll Corp. will host “A Search for Tomorrow’s Technological Stars.” This unique one-day competition is an exciting opportunity for 8th-12th grade students to exhibit their interest, skills and abilities in the areas of math and science. The competition is open to students attending in the Atlanta, Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Clayton and Gwinnett County school systems.

Competition areas include industrial design (egg drop), civil (bridge building) and mechanical (mostrap car) engineering areas. The days activities will conclude with an awards luncheon.

The application deadline is Feb. 15. For more information, call Keith Oden at 4-3354 or stop by the Office of Special Programs, Administration Building, Rm. 310.

Digital Provides $620,000 In Equipment To Tech’s Computer Training Institute

By Pam Rountree

Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) has provided approximately $620,000 in equipment to Education Extension’s Computer Training Institute, reports Senior Knowledge Engineer in the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs E.D. Anderson.

According to Anderson, DEC will upgrade the equipment every 18 months over a five-year period. He adds that “We should be up and running full tilt by February.”

The equipment includes: an 18-gigabyte-server on the system and an additional 332 megabytes of local storage on each workstation.

Before the system included high resolution 3-D color screens all networked, with a one-gigabyte-server on the system and an additional 332 megabytes of local storage on each workstation. UNIX is a “worldwide standard for engineering and scientific work. It is used widely in Europe, the Soviet Union, and in most engineering schools in the U.S.”

One of these students by itself could run a factory or be used to build an F-16 aircraft,” Anderson notes.

The equipment now on loan by DEC will be used in the Computer Training Institute’s High Technology Networked Classroom, located in Colony Square on Peachtree Street. DEC is currently negotiating with Tech to offer their Expert Systems Technology Training Programs in Tech’s state-of-the-art classroom.

According to Associate Vice President Clifford R. Bragdon, this 11,000-square-foot facility at Colony Square offers state-of-the-art outreach opportunities for the Institute. This space contains three computer classrooms and a lecture room for 125 people.

“We can also use the equipment for Geographic Information Systems applications as well as supporting future Olympic planning,” Bragdon explains. “A variety of federal and state training contracts should also be forthcoming as a result of this new and installed GIS computer system.” Formal GIS training is scheduled to begin by the spring.

Anderson says that joint educational programs between DEC and the academic community will also result from the installation of the new network. An advanced academic course in Artificial Intelligence Programming is to be offered through Information and Computer Science during the winter quarter 1990 in the new facility. Additional credit-based courses are being planned for spring quarter and beyond.

He adds that IBM Corp. is building an adjacent classroom at the Computer Training Institute that will link to the existing DEC network. The equipment includes an RT-150 and a token-ring network for the existing 15 PS/2 Model 90’s. The equipment will be used to offer a variety of AIX courses.

Anderson says that the Computer Training Institute also plans to offer a UNIX Certificate under both AIX and ULTRIX. There will be 12 short courses to take—both for business people and students—and plans are to offer the program beginning the first quarter of 1990.

The first graduates of the program should receive their certificates by the end of 1990.

For more information on the Computer Training Institute and its programs, call their office at 4-5722.
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GTOC has been actively working to impress the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the idea of having an Olympic Village on Tech's campus. The interactive video, developed at Tech, is an innovative method of helping these decision makers visualize the concept.

Last month, two more visitors, Robert Busnel (France), president of the International Basketball Federation, and Borislav Stankovic (Yugoslavia), secretary general of the federation, visited Tech and watched the video. The GTOC, which tries to make these visits memorable occasions for the various IOC members, organized a warm welcome by faculty, students and staff on the front steps of the Wardlaw Center. Busnel and Stankovic were met with smiles, cheers, buttons and applause. A huge banner was strapped to the wrought iron gates in front of the building to help convey the message that Tech is serious about playing a major role in hosting the games. IOC visitors, according to Pamela Richmond, GTOC faculty/staff coordinator, are generally unaware of the kind of welcomes Tech has planned and seem to be impressed.

Much of the planning and organization that goes into these activities can be directly credited to the GTOC which has been actively drumming up campus enthusiasm by preparing for these visits over the past months.

"It is an honor for Tech to be considered for an Olympic site," Richmond explained. "Our intention is not to baffle (the IOC) but to let them know that there is a grassroots effort here on campus to attract the games!"

The GTOC activities have included sponsoring the Olympic parachute jump at the football home opener, painting the Atlanta Olympic logo on top of the French Building, and organizing the human formation of Olympic rings for an IOC visit. In addition, the committee sponsored a contest for a Georgia Tech Olympic logo. The new Tech Olympic T-shirts displaying the winning logo by students, Tony Chang and Nithin Sawhney, are on sale at the bookstore for nine dollars, according to Richmond.

"The design is on a white background. It has the emblem of the Tech Tower with Buzz zooming around the tower holding the Olympic torch," she said.

In an attempt to make a lasting positive impression on IOC members, GTOC members try to ensure that each visit is highlighted in a unique and special way. According to Mike Furman, GTOC director, "the intrastate collegiate games," the group's biggest and most spectacular event, is already in the planning stages and set to be held in May.

The games will be a cooperative effort among students from several area universities to entertain spectators and IOC visitors expected that month.

"It will not be universities competing against each other. Each team will be comprised of students from different universities," said Furman.

The events, Furman said, will not require a tremendous amount of skill or training and promises to be a day of great fun that he hopes will become an annual event.

"These will be things that people can do without having to be a super athlete - sort of like the games they have during Greek Week. The intention is to promote good will within the University System and celebrate the bid for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta rather than to mimic the official Olympic sports."

In order to execute some of these events and gain support, subcommittees keep the fever burning across campus.

The Ambassador committee is responsible for meeting and greeting IOC and sports federation officials. One of their interesting tasks is to ensure that a student, faculty, or staff member is present to greet the visitor in his/her native language. In addition, they have the responsibility of gathering a cheerful, welcoming crowd when IOC members are expected on campus.

The Spotlight committee collects materials for a scrapbook that "chronologically illustrates the effort of the GTOC throughout the year," Richmond explained.

The Olympic Fever committee creates a campus-wide Olympic appearance and generates Olympic enthusiasm with flyers, contests and posters. The rooftop painting of the French Building and the ring formations were executed by this group.

The Public Relations committee is charged with ensuring that GTOC happenings are publicized in the Olympian, Whistle, Technique and outside media via the Tech News Bureau. They also generate minutes of the general meetings and keep members abreast of various projects.

Stacey Honored For Work With Fusion Reactor Program

By Jackie Nemeth

Regents Professor Weston M. Stacey, of the nuclear engineering program in the School of Mechanical Engineering and director of the Fusion Research Center, was presented the Department of Energy Distinguished Associate Award on Jan. 18 during an ITER (International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor) steering committee meeting. The committee, of which Stacey is chairman, consists of senior-level, U.S. experts in fusion.


While presenting the award to Stacey, Dowling said, "When people connected with the Department of Energy have done something outstanding, we like to recognize their contributions!"

Stacey received this award "in recognition of (your) outstanding technical and managerial contributions over the last 10 years to the International Tokamak Reactor (INTOR) design program and (your) longstanding commitment to the worldwide effort to develop fusion energy."

Stacey served as manager of the U.S. design team which consisted of fusion scientists and engineers from various laboratories, universities and industries. INTOR was a four-party effort by the fusion programs in the United States, the European Community, Japan and the Soviet Union to design a fusion reactor.

Stacey thanked the INTOR participants for their support and work.

"As I look around, I see people in this room who worked with INTOR and made what success we had possible," Stacey said. "I am honored and pleasantly surprised to receive this award."

The INTOR program was important not only for its technical merit, but especially for setting conditions for ITER program. Because of INTOR, according to Stacey, the head of the Soviet fusion program suggested to Mikhail Gorbachev that he propose building an experiment similar to INTOR to former U.S. President Ronald Reagan. ITER was the result of these discussions.

ITER's conceptual design activities represent the largest worldwide fusion collaboration ever attempted, comprising about 400 person-years of design effort and about $100 million in validating research and development work. The joint work began in early 1988 and will end in late 1990. Scientists and engineers from the four parties have spent more than a year working together at the Max-Planck-Institut fur Plasmaphysik in the Federal Republic of Germany in developing the ITER conceptual design.

The ITER team of scientists and engineers has been chartered to produce a conceptual design that is available for all of the participating parties to use, either in their own national programs or as part of a larger international collaborative program. ITER will continue work on the reactor's engineering design, construction and operation.
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