



REINFORCING THE relationship between ConocoPhillips, Ponca City and Oklahoma State University, an extra-large orange Ponca City Development Authority shirt is held by George Paczkowski, ConocoPhillips vice president; Mayor Dick Stone and OSU President David J. Schmidly. See related story and photograph on Page 2A. (News Photo by Louise Abercrombie)

AMTI To Manage OSU Lab Donated by ConocoPhillips

Applied Marine Technology Inc., which has an office in Ponca City, has been elected by Oklahoma State University to operate the University Multispectral Laboratory to be located on the ConocoPhillips complex.

This facility will provide full-spectrum testing and evaluation for technologies needed by the U.S. government, the U.S. warfighter community, and first responders. ConocoPhillips helped make the UML a reality by donating \$2 million and a research building facility to OSU.

"We are proud the technology developed by the UML will benefit the warfighter and national security as a whole. OSU maintains a talented staff, which we are pleased to augment with our unique expertise," said AMTI President Norm Carley. AMTI Director of Government Affairs Tim Reynolds added, "We want to commend ConocoPhillips for this tremendous leadership gift and for its confidence in our company and Oklahoma State University."

Research conducted by OSU demonstrated a significant need for improved sensors and

rapid transition of new technologies to support homeland security. Several federal agencies engaged in defense, security, and intelligence have supported the UML programs and commitments. The facility will serve as a centralized resource for universities, industry, federal agencies, technology developers, manufacturers, and end users.

The UML will link end users with technology manufacturers, bringing together government, universities, and private industry, to ensure that warfighters and first responders have access to state-of-the-art technologies," said AMTI Chief Scientist Dr. Web Keogh. "This center will fill a critical need in technology development and acquisition processes and will serve as a nexus for applied research, integration, rapid prototyping, testing, evaluation, and validation for sensor technologies."

Construction of the entire facility is projected to require 29 to 36 months to complete. The first employees are expected to begin work at the new research center as soon as September.