

February Described as a Significant News Month

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The ConocoPhillips announcement that it was giving Oklahoma State University a research facility and \$2 million to establish a University Multispectral Laboratory (UML) in Ponca City made a February a significant news month.

ConocoPhillips Downstream Technology Vice President George Paczkowski announced the donation of the Research East Lab at the company complex and up to \$2 million in an endowment.

Ponca City Mayor Dick Stone pledged the city's support to match up to the \$2 million towards the project, which is for a sensor research lab.

The funds are apparently going to come from the Ponca City Development Authority (PCDA), which has been working with ConocoPhillips, OSU, and AMTI.

AMTI, a government contractor, headquartered in Huntington Beach, Va., will manage the UML. AMTI has the unique capabilities in the areas of defense, homeland security and intelligence analysis.

The official announcement stated the UML will employ 80 when it is fully operational. The PCDA estimated the economic impact of the facility will be over \$120 million over the next 10 years.