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Gov. Henry 'Very Impressed' With UML

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Gov. Brad Henry touring the OSU University Multispectral Center here Friday said, "I'm very impressed." This was after a presentation on the operation by Dr. Web Keogh, president of Triton Scientific, which manages the UML as the trusted agent. Keogh spoke of the global importance the center has for Oklahoma.

According to the printed literature the principle role of Triton is to research, test, evaluation, verification, validation, certification and implementation of sensor technologies and systems.

Dr. Stephen McKeever, Oklahoma State Vice President and executive director of the UML, welcomed Gov. Henry, and expressed appreciation to Rep. Ken Luttrell for arranging the visit. Sen. David Myers was also in attendance.

The UML is a sensor test, evaluation and certification facility focused on the implementation and deployment of new technologies for defense, security, energy and intelligence communities.

The UML provides research infrastructure and funding opportunities for OSU faculty and staff engaged in development of sensor-related technologies for Homeland Security and Defense.

Keogh explained that the primary systems assessed by Triton include: Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive; command, control, communications and computing for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, unmanned aerial systems, petrochemical, biofuels, biometrics, psychological, medical and pharmaceutical.

Keogh explained that ConocoPhillips gave the Research East Building and \$2 million and the Ponca City Development Authority pledged \$2 million toward the project toward the renovation of the building.

Over \$5 million in state appropriated funds has been received for construction and renovation.

Congressional funding sponsored by the United States Special Operation since 2006 totaled \$3.1 million. Recently U.S Sen. Jim Inhofe, a Senior Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee announced the National Defense Authorization Act announced another \$1.6 million for the OSU Multispectral Lab.

The project has qualified for the Quality Jobs Act with 30 employees and more expected be added in the future.

Long range objective is to become a co-funded, government-accredited and industry-managed Federally Funded Research and Development Center or the Department of Homeland Security.

The UML team was the recipient of the 2007 International Economic Development Council's highest award for creative and innovative partnership and implementation of an economic model fusing academia, private industry and government.

Partners include, John Hopkins Applied Physics, Laboratory; Penn Sate University Applied Research Laboratory, Alcorn State university, Jackson State university; Western Kentucky University; Memorial Institute for Prevention of Terrorism, U.S. Army Biometrics Fusion Center, Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Quicksilver Analytic, Electronic Warfare Association, Republic Aero, AT&T, ConocoPhillips, Chilocco Confederated Tribes and Ponca City Development Authority.

Triton has projects in Ponca City, Chilocco, Stillwater and Lawton. Retired Maj. General Robert A. Goodbary, is director, strategic business acquisitions. A number of the UML personnel are retired military.

Other guests included Joe Alexander, Secretary for Oklahoma Science and Technology, Mayor Homer Nicholson, Fred Boettcher, OSU Regent, Neil Faulkner, ConocoPhillips Production Manager, Lee Evans, PCDA chairman and David Myers, PCDA executive, Rich Cantillon, Chamber executive.

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