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## **Pro2Serve Breaks Ground on New \$14 Million Headquarters at Oak Ridge Science and Technology Park**

*Multiple Economic Development Projects in Oak Ridge Serve as Catalysts for Business*

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.— The Oak Ridge Science and Technology Park at the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is proud to announce the groundbreaking of Professional Project Services, Inc.'s (Pro2Serve) 115,000-square-foot National Security Engineering Center. The \$14 million headquarters will include space for privately-employed scientists and engineers. Pro2Serve plans to employ 300 people at its new facility, which is scheduled for completion November 1, 2009.

“When we work together to form strategic partnerships, it's amazing the barriers that can be removed and the progress we create,” said Congressman Zach Wamp. “This park is a prime example of successful cooperation and due to the tremendous efforts of everyone involved, the East Tennessee region will become home to the nation's first commercial science and technology park at a national laboratory. Once again, we are leading the way in innovation and creating an environment for business and science to prosper. It is a pleasure to be part of this groundbreaking event.”

“The Oak Ridge Corridor has one of the largest concentrations of brainpower in the country,” Senator Lamar Alexander said. “This new technology park will help Tennessee continue to be a leader in science and technology. This is good news for Oak Ridge, good news for Tennessee, and a good way to keep America's competitive advantage and help keep our jobs from going overseas.”

The creation of the Science and Technology Park is a result of the effort and commitment from several key Oak Ridge partners. The Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Office has been instrumental in its development from the outset.

“A Science and Technology Park on the grounds of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory - a world leader in so many areas of critical research and development, clearly shows that the Department of Energy has strengthened its commitment to transfer energy technologies from our national laboratories to the global marketplace,” said Gerald Boyd, Manager of DOE's Oak Ridge Office.

Pro2Serve is a nationally-recognized technical and engineering services firm dedicated to providing critical infrastructure engineering services in support of the Nation's security. Pro2Serve provides innovative solutions to government and private industry on critical security, defense, facilities and infrastructure, nuclear nonproliferation, and environmental projects.

“We are happy to support the Innovation Valley's technology-based economic development efforts by locating our headquarters and National Security Engineering Center right here in Oak Ridge,” said Dr. Barry Goss, Pro2Serve's founder and president.

The Pro2Serve facilities are being developed by Blue Ridge Development, LLC.

The Oak Ridge Science and Technology Park is the first private business park to be built within the boundaries of a national laboratory, and the project is being developed and managed by Halcyon, LLC, a subsidiary of the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET). The park is expected to expand to approximately 40 acres, with \$3 million initially being invested in its infrastructure. In addition, an existing building is being redeveloped that will house a nanotechnology commercialization center.

“Oak Ridge has always been a unique location for businesses, and the creation of this park continues to position our region as a leader in innovative solutions and strategic partnerships that align business, research and technology to benefit both the government and the private sectors,” said Lawrence Young, president/CEO CROET. “This milestone event is just one of the many exciting things happening in Oak Ridge today that will help build a technology-based economy, create jobs and allow businesses to benefit from the expertise at the National Laboratory and other Department of Energy (DOE) facilities.”

The now-completed infrastructure improvements were partially defrayed with grants received from the Federal Economic Development Administration and the State of Tennessee’s Department of Economic and Community Development. Grants totaled more than \$1.8 million.

Other key partners are the City of Oak Ridge and the Oak Ridge Utility District (ORUD). The City and ORUD have accepted the various infrastructure components serving the park and as part of an innovative partnership with the Laboratory and DOE will be operating and maintaining the systems within the larger Laboratory infrastructure network.

“This project exemplifies the kind of forward-thinking, collaborative approach to research and development that will make Oak Ridge the premier location for such facilities in the United States,” said Oak Ridge Mayor Tom Beehan.

Another innovative partnership between Technology 2020 and Halcyon LLC is also currently underway. This partnership is currently spending upwards of \$750,000 on the renovation of an existing building in the park that, when opened in the Fall of 2008, will become the 30,000-square-foot Halcyon Commercialization Center. This Center will serve as a location for private sector companies doing collaborative research and development with ORNL, and will also support new start-up companies interacting with the lab.

“Tech 2020 has had a great partnership with ORNL for several years,” said David Snider, interim president and CEO of Technology 2020, and having a physical presence on the laboratory campus will allow us to work together even more closely to help grow new companies based on capabilities at the lab.”

Pro2Serve has been named the 242nd largest design firm and the 15th largest manufacturing design firm in the nation for 2006 by *Engineering News-Record*. It was the only east Tennessee headquartered firm to make the list. Pro2Serve is also a two-time alumnus of the *Inc. 500*, a listing of the 500 fastest growing privately held companies in the United States. In addition to Tennessee, Pro2Serve has

offices in Colorado, Ohio, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Texas, and Washington, D.C. For more information about Pro2Serve, please visit [www.p2s.com](http://www.p2s.com).

The Oak Ridge Science and Technology Park is available to private sector companies as well as companies established from technologies developed at ORNL. For more information about the park, the Halcyon Commercialization Center, or in opportunities to establish research collaboration with ORNL, please contact Tom Rogers, director of Industrial and Economic Development Partnerships at ORNL, (865) 241.2149 or [rogerstc@ornl.gov](mailto:rogerstc@ornl.gov).

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