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Tony S. Grindberg Elected to AURP Board of Directors

November 2, 2009 – *Fargo, N.D.* – Tony Grindberg, Executive Director of the NDSU Research & Technology Park in Fargo, North Dakota has been elected to a prestigious position on the Board of Directors of the Association of University Research Parks (AURP). The Association of University Research Parks (AURP) is a professional association of university related research and science parks. The mission of AURP is to promote the development and operations of research parks that foster innovation, commercialization and economic competitiveness in a global economy through collaboration among universities, industries and government.

The sixteen member board includes research park directors from national leading universities such as; University of Wisconsin, University of Maryland, Ohio State University, Purdue, Virginia Tech, South Dakota State University

Grindberg has been Executive Director at the NDSU Research & Technology Park (RTP) since 2002. During his tenure the park has grown to include seven buildings to the park. The park is home to its cornerstone tenant, Phoenix International, a John Deere Company, along with Candlewood Suites, NDSU's Center for Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Department of Coatings and Polymeric Materials and the Office of Research, Creative Activities, and Technology Transfer along with the Technology Incubator.

In 2007, the Technology Incubator opened to provide value-added services to start-up companies that hold the promise of impacting private sector business today and in the future. Bobcat is the anchor tenant in the facility and seven other companies in various stages of development reside in the incubator. In October, two companies, Appareo Systems and Pedigree Technologies exited the incubator to move into a new multi-tenant facility located southeast of the Technology Incubator.

The Research Park is celebrating ten years of partnership, innovation and growth that is a shining star for the community, region and state. For additional information on the park, please visit www.ndsuresearchpark.com.