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Trenton, NJ – Recognizing the importance of building state-of-the-art facilities at New Jersey's colleges and universities in an effort to retain the state's best students, Governor Chris Christie today helped cut the ribbon on the New Jersey Institute of Technology's \$19 million Life Sciences and Engineering Center, funded by \$13.5 million in state Higher Education Capital Facilities grants, including Building Our Future Bond Act (GO Bond) funds.

"The investments we have made in the last seven-plus years in our institutions of higher education will ensure they will continue to be a vital link to the economic growth and competitiveness of our state," said Governor Christie.

"Universities that focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers (STEM), like NJIT, will provide New Jersey businesses with the highly-skilled work force they desperately need now and into the future. These are good paying jobs that, in turn, fuel our economy."

NJIT's state-of-the-art Life Sciences and Engineering Center includes 10,000 square feet of wet and dry labs, 4,000 square feet of collaborative spaces, offices, and a two-story presentation space that will provide opportunities for informal learning, gathering and teaching, monumental stairs with seating, a new exterior plaza, and a second-floor lounge area giving students more options for nooks in which to study, read, and relax. Research conducted at the Center will build on NJIT's strengths in engineering and the life sciences toward the development of new applications in clinical health care, therapeutic interventions, and pharmaceutical drug development. Researchers will focus primarily on biotechnology, biosensors and medical devices, and lab-on-a-chip nanotechnology.

The new building is connected to the Otto H. York Center for Environmental Engineering and Science and also looks to the future, leaving room for a 47,000-square-foot expansion.

The Center is part of NJIT's \$300 million campus-wide capital building program designed to transform research, teaching, and campus life. NJIT also received \$86 million in state grants toward the now complete Central King Building, a hub of STEM education and research, as well as another \$49.6 million for an education infrastructure project to create cloud computing and support STEM disciplines. Last year, the state awarded NJIT an additional \$20 million in GO bonds and Capital Improvement Fund bonds for integrated makerspace on NJIT's campus.

In addition, the Life Sciences and Engineering Center Project and other campus improvements add to the Christie Administration's overall efforts to bring critical community redevelopment to Newark.

The GO Bond Act was the first state-backed funding for higher education construction in 25 years and authorized up to \$750 million in state grants for new academic facilities. Combined with grant funding made available from other state-supported grant programs for higher education facilities, the Christie Administration authorized nearly \$1.3 billion in grants in 2013 for 176 projects at 46 institutions for cutting-edge research laboratories, computerized classrooms, and cyber networks that allow students and faculty to interact with colleagues around the world.

Last year, a second round of funding for higher education construction projects was awarded.

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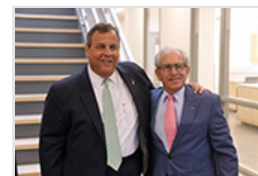
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