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New era to begin at WestGate @ Crane Technology Park with opening of EG&G technology facility by Lt. Gov. Skillman

WESTGATE @ CRANE TECHNOLOGY PARK (Daviness, Greene and Martin Counties) , Ind.

(September 21, 2007)– Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman helped to usher in what local officials call “a new era” with the formal opening of the EG&G technology facility at the WestGate @ Crane Technology Park on Sept. 21.

“When EG&G is open, that signifies the beginning of a vision realized for the development of a new technology economy with high-paying jobs for southwest Indiana,” said Gene Shaw, president of the WestGate @ Crane Authority.

EG&G, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the \$4 billion URS corporation (NYSE: URS), will occupy the all-new technology facility built by Daviness County in the WestGate park. The 25,000 sq. ft. facility was designed by the Facilities Solutions Group (Chicago) to be expanded to 40,000 sq. ft. and will initially house 50 employees. EG&G is one of the major commercial contractors for the \$2 billion Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) immediately next to the park.

“An operational and growing WestGate tech park is expected to be a major asset in our collective efforts to support America’s warfighter,” said Duane Embree, technical director at NSWC Crane. “We look forward to helping the park and the region grow.”

The number of EG&G employees in the park is expected to increase “significantly in the coming months as a result of transitioning efforts,” according to Graham Alderson, vice president of EG&G Technical Services.

The EG&G facility will also be home to the offices of Crane Technology Inc., a non-for-profit organization supporting commercial development associated with NSWC Crane.

The WestGate @ Crane Technology Park is Indiana's only multi-county Certified Technology Park (CTP) as administered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). IEDC has committed up to \$1 million in total state grant investments to support the growth of the WestGate facility.

The EG&G facility is the first of several new buildings planned for the park, according to Dale Ankrom, a partner with the WestGate @ Crane Development Co., LLC (WCDC). WCDC was named as the designer and developer for the tech park by the WestGate Authority in 2006. WCDC is expected to invest about \$30 million in the initial development of the WestGate tech park over the next 36 months, including the construction of major technology facilities and retail support for employees working in the region.

"We are excited and grateful that the WestGate development company is in the process of designing a comprehensive park that will attract national attention and tenants," said Ron Arnold, executive director of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC).

"As we see this vision unfold, we should remember the good faith and active financial support that Daviess County brought to the table three years ago when the WestGate was little more than a dream," he continued. "Given the small financial resources available to a rural county, the fact that the Daviess County Council and county commissioners were willing to commit about \$3 million to jump-starting this park is nothing short of astounding."

Arnold pointed out that Daviess County secured certification for its portion of the park in 2004, paving the way for the then-new IEDC to certify the remainder of proposed park, which occurred in Greene and Martin counties in 2006. "Daviess County also showed its visionary commitment in voting in an EDIT fund and repealing the state inventory tax early, which was sound fiscal stewardship and a major reason for the success of the park to date," he explained.

David Abel, mayor of Washington in Daviess County, played a key role in the initial development of the WestGate, said Arnold. Abel, who today is also vice president of the WestGate Authority, "provided a strong voice of support that helped people in the region see the potential of the high-paying jobs and capital investment that is now materializing," Arnold explained.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels visited the WestGate last July to participate in a formal ground-breaking for two additional major technology facilities in the WestGate. WCDC estimates that upwards of 100,000 sq. ft. of new technology facilities will be ready for occupancy in 2008.

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