



## **R.J. Reynolds Foundation Donates \$1.25 Million To Forsyth Technical Community College Capital Campaign**

**Winston-Salem, N.C. – June 8, 2006** – Providing a significant contribution to “Momentum,” Forsyth Technical Community College’s first public capital campaign, the R.J. Reynolds Foundation will donate \$1.25 million to the general campaign.

“This grant by the R.J. Reynolds Foundation, which is supported by Reynolds American Inc. and its major subsidiary, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, reflects the longstanding and productive relationship between R. J. Reynolds, its employees and Forsyth Technical Community College,” says Steve Strawsburg, president of the Foundation. “We believe the whole community benefits from the educational programs at Forsyth Tech and we are proud to help make this campaign a success.”

The campaign goal is to raise \$13 million by December 2006. More than \$8.5 million has been raised to date.

Capitalizing on the downtown revitalization efforts, Forsyth Tech plans to use a majority of the funds to build the Center for Emerging Technologies, a new 55,000-square foot facility in Piedmont Triad Research Park. Located within the facility will be the “R.J. Reynolds Corporate Training Center” where Forsyth Tech will conduct its corporate training partnership programs with community businesses.

“Supporting this campaign is a simple matter of cause and effect for business owners,” says Ed Welch, Momentum campaign co-chair and president of I.L. Long Construction. “Every graduate that walks out the doors of Forsyth Tech is another reason why more and more companies are thinking about relocating here. Never underestimate what a trained workforce can do to boost the economy.”

Strawsburg adds: “For quite some time, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has partnered with Forsyth Tech for advanced technical training for many of

our employees, both past and present. It's a relationship that will continue to benefit our employees for many years to come."

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