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OTTC Gets New Program Director

National search nets Massachusetts biomedical technology veteran

SAN BERNARDINO, CA – March 1, 2007 – The Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization (OTTC) at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) has announced the appointment of Tim Gerrity, Ph.D., to the post of Director.

Gerrity earned his doctorate in physics from the University of Illinois at Chicago and almost immediately began applying his expertise to the medical field. He's worked for the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dept. of Medicine; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs (VA); Georgetown University School of Medicine; and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Most recently he has been President and CEO of Noventus Medical, a firm he founded in Worcester, MA that specializes in bringing together the resources needed to transform emerging technologies into new medical devices.

"We are very happy to have Dr. Gerrity join the OTTC team," says Cal State Associate Provost for Research, Dr. Jeff Thompson. "Tim has a long list of peer-reviewed medical and scientific journal articles to his credit, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of Applied Physiology, and the IEEE Transactions in Biomedical Engineering. He has extensive experience working with Washington policy makers and administrators, and a genuine passion for bringing exciting new technologies to the marketplace. He will be able to bring all those skills and contacts to bear, as he works to help OTTC broaden its funding base and improve on its already impressive track record in commercializing new technologies."

Gerrity has led R&D activities in heart rate variability and neuroendocrine function in patients with chronic pain as Executive Director of Georgetown's Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center. He had shared responsibility for a \$1 billion per year national health research program and directly managed \$100 million in research programs while with the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs. He has received numerous awards recognizing his contributions to biomedical science, technology, and science and technology policy.

"I'm looking forward to this very interesting opportunity," says Gerrity, "with a program that truly has a unique business model in the technology transfer field. OTTC has a highly motivated team of people who have crafted an outstanding record of success in preparing new technologies for both government and commercial markets. I want to see this program expand and help its model be put into broader use going forward. Our country needs this kind of effort to compete effectively in today's global markets and stay secure in the face of today's international threats."

Gerrity will be joining the program full-time starting April 1, but he has already been out for a series of talks and meetings with key people at Cal State San Bernardino and OTTC's sister program, the Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology (CCAT) in San Diego. An open house in OTTC's new building on campus is being planned to introduce Gerrity to the broader Inland Empire community.

About the Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization (OTTC)

OTTC (<http://www.ottc/csusb.edu>) is the management office for a grant program known as CCAT, Center for Commercialization of Advanced Technology, funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) with support from Congressman Jerry Lewis's office. The Foundation for California State University, San Bernardino hosts and oversees OTTC. CCAT provides grants intended to be used in two ways: (1) to help companies develop commercial applications for technologies that have been developed in government laboratories; and (2) to help the government find technologies it needs for defense and homeland security needs and help them along so they can enter government procurement channels. OTTC is a two-way conduit that acts as a virtual incubator for advanced technology. There are two CCAT programs in Southern California, with the other one being in San Diego (<http://www.ccatsandiego.org>).