

Statement
**Leon County Research and Development Authority
and Innovation Park**

The Board of Governors of the Leon County Research and Development Authority welcomes the progress made today toward a final resolution of this issue. We will continue to let this matter run its course through proper legal channels.

The Board remains committed to the core mission of the Authority: promoting scientific research and development activities, fostering economic development, and broadening the economic base of Leon County. We are focusing our primary efforts on creating a world-class facility.

The Authority is well funded and has the resources it needs to meet its financial obligations; the Board has implemented a number of internal controls, including new policies and procedures to protect our assets.

We are also committed to increasing collaboration with our local universities and making sure Innovation Park – the State of Florida’s first and oldest research park – is positioned to play a vital role in the research and development sector of this community and to serve as an economic development engine for Leon County.

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