

# A&T licenses professor's engineering technology

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**GREENSBORO** — N.C. A&T State University has licensed technology developed by one of its faculty members to a Los Angeles company that plans to use it to commercialize a product for monitoring structural integrity.

A&T declined to release financial details of the transaction with Material Technologies Inc., which acquired the license through a stock deal with UTEK Corp., a Florida-based finance company that specializes in technology transfer deals.

The technology involved uses commercially available sensors deployed in a unique configuration to monitor structur-

al integrity acoustically. The system was developed by Professor Mannur Sundaresan at A&T for the U.S. Air Force.

Doug Speight, A&T's director of outreach and technology transfer, said the deal with Material Technologies is an example of the university's efforts to leverage the strength of its research programs.

"Our partnership enables us to leverage our sensor platform to access the civil infrastructure markets, while enabling Material Technologies to achieve a leading position in the structural monitoring space," Speight said.

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