ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COMPLEX
WHAT IS CONNECT NC?

The CONNECT NC BOND is a $2 billion general bond referendum to provide critical support for North Carolina’s university system, community colleges, water and sewer systems, state and local parks, agriculture, National Guard and public safety.

The bond includes $980 million to improve the UNC system and $350 million to the state’s community colleges.

Because of the state’s superior financial standing, passage of the bond will not result in a tax increase. It’s been 15 years since North Carolina voters last approved a bond to invest in the state’s infrastructure — and the state has increased by more than 2 million residents since then. The CONNECT NC BOND will keep our state strong now and well into the future.

The CONNECT NC BOND referendum will appear on the March 15 primary election ballot.

Learn more at www.ncat.edu/ConnectNC

ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COMPLEX (ERIC) FOR N.C. A&T

North Carolina A&T State University will receive an investment of $90 million to construct an Engineering Research and Innovation Complex (ERIC) that will:

• Educate the 21st century STEM leaders and workforce
• Develop diverse, adaptive and innovative engineers and computer scientists
• Enhance N.C. A&T’s critical areas of research
• Ensure N.C. A&T’s competitiveness with peer institutions
• Provide modernized classroom space needed to meet projected enrollment growth

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With a regional economic impact of $656.2 million and statewide impact of nearly $1 billion, the completion of the ERIC will aid in the recruitment and retention of high-achieving and highly motivated STEM students and educators to A&T and the Piedmont Triad, serve as a catalyst for economic growth and development that directly benefit the entire Piedmont Triad, and develop the much needed pipeline of diverse STEM leaders.
Leaders of N.C. A&T, UNCG and GTCC Sign Joint Resolution Supporting Connect NC Bond
In an act of solidarity, North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr., University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam Jr. and President Randy Parker of Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) signed a joint resolution in support of the $2 billion Connect NC Bond on Jan. 14, at the GTCC Donald W. Cameron Campus.

If approved by North Carolina voters, the bond will invest $1.3 billion across the state for higher education capital construction, repair and renovation with $204.5 million directly benefitting higher education in Guilford County. The UNC System, of which N.C. A&T is a constituent university, could receive $980 million.

A&T’s portion would include $90 million to construct the state-of-the-art Engineering Research and Innovation Complex (ERIC). The multi-functional, interdisciplinary facility will provide the necessary resources and accommodations to support the dynamic and innovative research being conducted at the university. In addition, the ERIC will serve as a catalyst for economic growth and development, establish a pipeline of diverse science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) leaders, and provide a return on investment that will enlarge the university’s economic impact.

The joint resolution states that higher education is a primary driver of job creation and economic value, with the three institutions contributing an estimated $2 billion collectively to the Piedmont Triad Region. The last general obligation bond was authorized to upgrade the state’s infrastructure 15 years ago and since then the state’s population has increased by 2 million. The proposed bond will not result in any tax increases.

Brent Christensen, chief executive officer of the Greensboro Partnership, also made remarks at the signing. The Partnership and the trustees of all three institutions have expressed support of the bond’s investment through individually signed resolutions.

The $2 billion Connect NC bond will provide investments in education, parks, recreation, safety, and water and sewer infrastructure projects throughout the state.

The bond referendum will appear on the ballot on March 15, 2016.