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Department of Economic Development Press Conference

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- Welcome to Georgia Tech. We're glad that you could join us for an exciting announcement about an addition to Metro Atlanta's information Technology community. Today's venue is Tech's new Carbon Neutral Energy Solutions, or CNES, laboratory.
- The 45,000 square foot facility is used for clean fuels development, carbon capture technologies, clean combustion, gasification and solar balance research.
- CNES is part of the North Avenue Research Area that also includes the GTRI Food Processing Technology Building, a Civil and Environmental Engineering Construction Lab, a Sustainable Thermal Systems Laboratory, and a Combustion Lab.
- Between these facilities, the Technology Enterprise Park across the street, and Tech Square just across the connector we are working at the nexus for research and creating an innovation ecosystem, helping to move concepts quickly from the lab to commercial development.
- Companies benefit from Tech's School of Interactive Computing located in Tech Square, as well as the schools of Computer Science and Computational Science and Engineering in the College of Computing. They also capitalize on expertise from the Ernest Scheller Jr. College of Business, also in Tech Square.
- Research facilities such as this Carbon Neutral Energy Solutions Laboratory showcase Georgia Tech's, as well as the University System's commitment to the concept of working closely with industry partners.
- When we align universities with economic development everyone wins. It benefits companies, the state's economy, citizens, faculty, and it benefits students, who have an opportunity to contribute to innovations where they're still in school, as well as the opportunity to graduate with the experience that business and industry is looking for.

- We are committed to working with industry to support their research and innovation goals, as with the state to continue to attract and retain business and industry, fostering an environment in which innovation and new discoveries flourish, creating jobs and growing our economy.
- One of the organizations that Georgia Tech partners with in that effort is the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Now it is my pleasure to introduce Chris Cumiskey, commissioner of that organization.