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SCRA's Advanced Technology Institute to Manage U.S. Department of Defense Ordnance Technology Consortium

CHARLESTON, SC – March 1, 2009 – The Advanced Technology Institute, an SCRA affiliate, announces today that it has been selected by the National Warheads and Energetics Consortium (NVEC) to act as their Consortium Management Firm. In this capacity, ATI will assist NVEC and its government partner, the DoD Ordnance Technology Consortium (DOTC), in the planning and execution of a multi-project, seven (7) year, \$700 million munitions technology development, and prototype demonstration program under contract with the U.S. Army Contracting Command Joint Munitions and Lethality Contracting Center Emerging Technologies Center.

DOTC is an integrated enterprise of government, industry, and academia participants established by the Office of the Secretary of Defense to serve as the focal point for ordnance system technology research and development to address the Department of Defense's long range science and technology objectives. NVEC is the industrial/academic component of DOTC. It is a consortium of more than 120 companies and academic institutions brought together to enhance warfighter lethality and survivability. The group will accomplish its goals by leveraging the nation's industrial and academia research and development bases to advance and expand U.S. military technological superiority in critical fields of warheads, fuzes, explosives, propellants, pyrotechnics, munitions demilitarization, insensitive munitions and enabling technologies.

"ATI is excited to bring our consortium management expertise to this group of 120 world class ordnance technology firms delivering innovative solutions to Department of Defense needs," said Rick Self, President of the Advanced Technology Institute. "By effectively leveraging government and industry capabilities, the team will provide affordable technologies that help our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines accomplish their challenging missions."

"We are extremely proud to be named as the consortium management firm for these important NVEC and DOTC consortia," said Bill Mahoney, SCRA CEO. "This work builds upon our domain expertise, client satisfaction and outstanding delivery records with collaborative technology and contract management programs like the National

Shipbuilding Research Program and the Navy Manufacturing Technology Centers Program.”

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About ATI

The Advanced Technology Institute builds international consortia to develop and implement innovative solutions for manufacturing, aerospace, automotive, maritime, metals, and healthcare industries. ATI-led collaborations attract world-class talent from premier companies, universities, and government agencies, to define technology roadmaps and research portfolios matched to business demands that provide the requisite resources to solve shared challenges. ATI’s partners report improved market transition and return on investment with reduced risk. These practical business benefits enable the downstream economic and social benefits of the new technologies – such as safety, affordability, manufacturing competitiveness, environmental protection, and energy conservation. A private, non-profit research corporation with principal operations in Charleston, SC, ATI is an affiliate of SCRA.

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