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SPRINGBOARD STAFF ATTEND NATIONAL TT CONFERENCE

Six SpringBoard staff and consultants completed classes and training Nov. 13-16 at the annual Technology Transfer Partnership Integrated Planning Team (TTIPT) conference in Wilmington, NC.

“This annual invitation-only, 4-day conference hosted more than 180 persons from U.S. Department of Defense laboratories and tech-transfer partnerships, like SpringBoard, that move technology from federal labs to the private sector for commercialization,” said Rollo Pool, Director of Communications for SpringBoard.

Attending this year for SpringBoard were Mary Hakala, Lance Miller, Margaret O’Neal, Rebecca Parks, Peter Perna and Rollo Pool. SpringBoard is one of six Department of Defense partnership intermediaries in the U.S.

Classes included: First Timer Policy and Practice Overview, Department of Defense Perspectives, Agency Highlights, Enabling Legislation, Issues in Technology Transfer, Homeland Security, Classified Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, Technology Transfer Resources, and Valuing Intellectual Property for Venture Capital.



Executive Director Lance Miller gives highlights of the SpringBoard programs at the 2007 TTIPT meeting in November. SpringBoard is one of the two newest members of the Partnership Intermediary Network with the US Department of Defense.

On the final day of the session, SpringBoard Executive Director Lance Miller gave an overview of work being done by the Alaska partnership. This includes business services to

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technology companies, license agreements, cold-weather concrete demonstrations, cooperative research with universities and federal agencies, science and math education initiatives, and educational partnerships to establish a software testbed at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. SpringBoard is also spearheading a national marketing perception study for Department of Defense labs and has funded a patent database for use by the DoD partnerships.

“The value of this conference is not only the classroom training but the social networking with key technology transfer officers at these labs and learning about their individual needs and expertise,” Pool added.

At the 2007 TTIPT conference, SpringBoard advisor Pat Rodriguez of New Mexico Tech (Albuquerque, NM) was honored by the Department of Defense with a national award for technology transfer achievements over his 20 years of work. Rodriguez, based at Kirtland Air Force Base, has been helping SpringBoard develop educational partnerships, organizational strategies and business development.

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SpringBoard, a partnership between JEDC and the US Department of Defense (DoD), is a statewide program to help transfer and commercialize DoD technology, including its research, inventions, patents and laboratory facilities. SpringBoard also facilitates research projects between government agencies, universities and private companies and promotes science and math education in grades K-12. More information at www.gospringboard.org.