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Autry to Celebrate Strate Center Success on May 8

ENID, Okla. – Autry Technology Center will celebrate more than 10 years of success at the James W. Strate Center for Business Development with a come and go event from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

The public is invited to join in the celebration, beginning at 8 a.m. with breakfast. A welcome and recognition of Dr. James W. Strate and the Center's success will begin at 9 a.m. Guests are invited to tour the facility and meet current tenants.

“Dr. Jim Strate had a vision for the Strate Center when it opened in 2008 – empower entrepreneurs and create new businesses and jobs in our community,” said Brady McCullough, CEO and Superintendent at Autry Technology Center. “We are looking forward to celebrating that vision with our community on May 8.”

Since the Strate Center opened its doors in 2008, more 30 businesses have occupied space as tenants. The incubator provides professional business training to those interested in starting, expanding or operating a small business. Over the years, the Strate Center has successfully helped launch local businesses such as T&C Meats, Grace Care, SciO 3D Sports, Fence Solutions and Purple Ink Consulting.

The building offers 23,170 total square feet of incubation space which is flexible for use as office, lab or manufacturing activities. The Strate Center recently added co-working space featuring a variety of plans with differing amenities to meet the needs freelancers, start-ups or other small organizations.

“We are proud of the success the Strate Center has seen over the last decade,” said Brian Gaddy, Director of the Center for Business Development. “As we look toward the future, our goal is to be the first resource for small business owners or those considering launching their own business.”

Autry Technology Center has been a part of the Enid community since 1967 and is one of 29 CareerTech schools across Oklahoma. The center has more than 25 career programs and offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses and certifications for many diverse career fields. Autry serves nearly 16,000 individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Business and Industry Services Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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