Texas A&M has a long history of cooperative research projects with private enterprise. The University's reputation, location, facilities, and research faculty and staff combine to present a major opportunity to develop a nationally prominent research park. The proposed Texas A&M University Research Park will be located on approximately 440 acres west of the main campus in College Station, Texas.

The basic purposes of the Texas A&M University Research Park shall be:

a. To utilize the resources of Texas A&M University, and The Texas A&M University System and its other component Parts, to assist in expanding and strengthening research and development capabilities of the State of Texas.

b. To enhance the quality and productivity of research activities at Texas A&M University and other Parts of The Texas A&M University System, and to accelerate the dissemination of new knowledge and the transfer of new technologies to the public and private sectors of our state and nation.

c. To establish a closer working relationship between the research capabilities of Texas A&M and selected industrial and commercial entities which themselves are engaged in research activities compatible with the purposes of Texas A&M University and with other components of the System.

d. To facilitate the movement of recently trained graduates of Texas A&M University into demanding positions in private industry and government at all levels.

To accomplish these purposes, the preparation of a master plan for the Research Park has been commissioned by the University. The University will serve as the Park developer and manager. Parcels ready for development will be prepared and leased on a long-term basis to corporate tenants who meet Research Park criteria.

The Research Park has been planned and developed to create a quality setting conducive to high productivity and employee satisfaction. Site amenities such as landscaping, hike and bike trails, and passive recreation areas have been included in the planning. The Research Park's relationship to the developing West Campus and the Main Campus has been captured to physically and functionally link these two areas.
In order to assure that the Texas A&M University Research Park is developed and occupied in a manner consistent with the approved master plan and the Protective Covenants, all tenants must be approved as to qualifications for occupancy by the Facilities Review and Advisory Board. The following criteria will form the basis for that approval:

1. Operations located in the Research Park must be substantially research or technology oriented compatible with research interests of the University. Only professional or administrative activities that are an integral part of or directly related to the research or technological operations of tenants will be permitted. Businesses or organizations which provide necessary services to other tenants of the Research Park and/or University, such as a conference center with food service facilities and overnight accommodations, recreational facilities, and supply and storage facilities will be permitted.

2. Product manufacture or assembly shall be limited to prototype development or to the assembly of high technology products which are clearly related to the on-site research and development activities of the tenant. No tenant exclusively engaged in manufacturing or assembly shall be permitted to occupy space on the Park.

3. The tenant must be engaged in operations which are nuisance free and clean with respect to smoke, noise, noxious gases, vibration, odors, radiation, etc.

4. The physical facility must be attractive and comply with the requirements of the Protective Covenants and be consistent with the approved master plan for the Research Park.

5. Consideration will be given to the extent that a firm has a logical tie or relationship with the University. Will it hire students, use the library and scientific equipment, complement areas of expertise, or contribute financially or otherwise to the University?

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