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GEORGIA TECH FIELD OFFICE
TO OPEN IN MADISON

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ATLANTA, GA -- Georgia Tech's new field office in Madison will be dedicated Tuesday, October 2 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Donald J. Grace, director of the Georgia Tech Research Institute, will be present for the ceremony. He will give a plaque of appreciation to Rep. Roy Lambert of Madison, who was instrumental in getting state funding for new field offices at Brunswick, Madison, Columbus and Dublin.

Open house at the field office will be from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at 235B South Main Street.

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The Madison office will serve the counties of Clarke, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Rockdale and Walton. Resident engineer Ned Ellington will handle requests from area businesses and industries, either providing the necessary assistance himself or finding help on the Georgia Tech campus.

In most instances, services from the field office will be free of charge. Only in cases of extended aid will Georgia Tech ask a business to pay a portion of the service.

This industrial extension program has been in place at Georgia Tech since 1961, solving business problems in areas such as product design, material handling, production, quality control,

job-related safety and health, and hazardous waste management. Sometimes, field office personnel have been called on to assist in recruiting new industries to Georgia.

Other than the four new offices, Georgia Tech has established field operations in Douglas, Savannah, Rome, Augusta, Atlanta, Albany, Macon and Gainesville.

"With 12 offices instead of eight, the areas each of them serve will be smaller and we expect this to make our system even more efficient than it has been in the past," says Richard Combes, director of the field office program at Georgia Tech.

Even at reduced levels of service, the field office system has been a highly effective investment for Georgia. For each dollar appropriated for the program by the state, extension engineers have been able to help small-to-medium-sized companies stimulate \$20 of improved productivity.

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EDITORS: Dr. Donald J. Grace will be available during the open house for interviews on the impact which the new field office in Madison will have on area business and industry.