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Industrial Commission approves plan for new grant program to support ag, defense work at NDSU Research and Technology Park

BISMARCK, ND - The North Dakota Industrial Commission today approved the plan for a new grant program for the Research and Technology Park (RTP) at North Dakota State University.

The program will support exploratory, transformational and innovative research and product development activities that advance intelligent autonomous mobile equipment primarily in the agriculture and defense sectors.

"This program leverages the talent and innovation assets of the RTP to accelerate technology development and commercialization in key economic sectors, further enhancing the state's competitiveness and economic opportunities," Commission members said in a joint statement.

Research and Technology Park CEO Brenda Wyland presented the plan to the Industrial Commission, which will oversee the program and consists of Gov. Kelly Armstrong as chair, Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring and Attorney General Drew Wrigley.

"This program builds a direct pathway from scientific discovery to market deployment, accelerating dual-use technologies that strengthen our economy and advance both agriculture and defense," Wyland said. "We are deeply grateful to the Industrial Commission for their support and to the North Dakota Legislature for their commitment and vision in making this program investment possible."

The 69th Legislative Assembly appropriated \$5 million in non-matching funding and \$5 million in matched funding for the new grant program.

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