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Tyler Technologies Collaborates with UT Dallas' Computer Science Program

Supporting the School's Vision for Transforming Technology Sector in Region

DALLAS – May 18, 2010 -- Tyler Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: TYL) is collaborating with the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at The University of Texas at Dallas in support of the school's vision to create a high-tech hub in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. As a first step toward what is hoped to become a long-term partnership, Tyler is sponsoring and mentoring a student computer science design project as part of the school's new *UTDesign* program. The joint project empowers students to apply their software engineering skills to a real world business project.

Dr. Gopal Gupta, head of the Jonsson School's Computer Science Department, whose faculty has tripled in size from 15 to 45 in the past 12 years, has set his sights on helping make the school one of the nation's top research institutions—and transforming the Metroplex into a technology center similar to Silicon Valley, California.

“Essentially, in Dallas we have one of the largest concentrations of high-tech companies in the country centered around a university, UT Dallas, focused on technology, science and management,” said Gupta. “We have a large supply of highly skilled technical people, and the State of Texas is investing money in start-ups through the [Emerging Technology Fund](#). Many key ingredients exist for creating a Silicon Valley-like environment in North Texas; what is needed is an infusion of entrepreneurial spirit and venture capital.”

Gupta believes this is where companies like Tyler can play a significant role. “Large existing companies can catalyze this development in two ways: they can foster entrepreneurship and innovation from within as well as invest in research and development—like HP and Xerox did in Silicon Valley—to make the next generation of innovative products and services,” stated Gupta.

By participating in *UTDesign*, Tyler is providing seven UT Dallas seniors with an opportunity to develop an application for Tyler's Odyssey® integrated court case management solution. Under the guidance of a University project manager, students will develop a mobile service application that automates the tracking and delivery of court-generated civil documents by law enforcement officers. Tyler has assigned a mentor and two technology resources to participate in the project, which is expected to be completed in May.

“Tyler views this unique project as a way to support UTD's goal to promote entrepreneurship and involve students with the external business community in the Metroplex,” said Bruce Graham, president of Tyler's Courts & Justice Division. “It enables students to tap into local high-tech companies such as Tyler, offering them a chance to apply their academic skills in a hands-on environment. Tyler sees the value in UTD's vision to connect the local business and academic communities and we are eager to participate.”

Gupta anticipates that these private sector collaborations will benefit UT Dallas in a number of ways. "Our students will thrive in a dynamic entrepreneurial environment; perhaps some of them will become entrepreneurs themselves," he said. "Faculty members' research will be more easily commercialized and the computer science program will be a favored destination for entrepreneur-minded young students."

He recognizes the perks for area businesses as well. "The private sector will get students who have the entrepreneurial spirit and who can innovate within the company," he said. "Collaboration with the private sector helps in exposing students to real-world problems, and provides them with a real-world education."

Graham said Tyler's relationship with UT Dallas may also give Tyler the opportunity to evaluate students as potential employees and open the door to a possible internship program. "There is tremendous value in establishing this sort of collaboration," he said. "Tyler needs skilled professionals and the University's computer science program produces a talented pool of future candidates for us to consider. We see this project as the first step in what will hopefully evolve into a long-term relationship."

"Senior Design is the capstone undergraduate course taken by all students of engineering and computer science," said Dr. Edward J. Esposito, assistant dean for Industrial Relations in the Jonsson School. "We are pleased that a dynamic company like Tyler Technologies sees potential value in the *UTDesign* program and is eager to participate. I am confident that our students will not disappoint, and that this will be the beginning of a long and productive partnership with Tyler."

Formally established in 1986 with two departments—electrical engineering and computer science—the Jonsson School initially offered only graduate degrees in these fields. It expanded to include a full undergraduate program in 1990, and today consists of five departments—EE, CS, mechanical engineering, materials science and engineering, and bioengineering (the newest addition)—plus three interdisciplinary degree programs in telecommunications engineering, computer engineering and software engineering. About 2,900 students (graduate and undergraduate) are currently enrolled, 1,340 of these in Computer Science.

About Tyler Technologies, Inc.

Based in Dallas, Tyler Technologies is a leading provider of end-to-end information management solutions and services for local governments. Tyler partners with clients to empower the public sector—cities, counties, schools and other government entities—to become more efficient, more accessible, and more responsive to the needs of citizens. Tyler's client base includes more than 9,000 local government offices throughout all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom. *Forbes* Magazine named Tyler as one of "America's 200 Best Small Companies" for three consecutive years. More information about Tyler Technologies can be found at www.tylertech.com.

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