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UT Board of Regents Approves New Building for UTIG, TACC

In May of 2005, The University of Texas Board of Regents approved a new “home” for Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) and the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus. The new facility will provide new offices and a state-of-the-art computer machine room for TACC, and will bring UTIG on to campus for the first time since move from Galveston to Austin in 1982, , and will provide new offices and a state-of-the-art computer machine room for TACC.

The new facility—a three-story, 90,000 square-foot building that will be located next to the Bureau of Economic Geology—will allow the UTIG research staff to flourish in their commitment to carry out pioneering research at the highest academic standards.

Both TACC and UTIG support and conduct leading scientific research in their areas of expertise for The University of Texas at Austin. UTIG scientists maintain a successful track record in receiving federal grants primarily from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Office of Naval Research (ONR), as well as industry support for projects.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will review the building proposal in July. Construction will begin in late August or early September. The estimated completion timeframe is in September 2006.

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About UTIG

The University of Texas Institute for Geophysics (UTIG) is known internationally as a leading academic research group in geology and geophysics. Founded in 1972, it is a part of the John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin. UTIG scientists investigate the dynamic geophysical processes that influence Earth's structure,

environment and climate. They also develop new mathematical models, data processing and imaging techniques that are relevant to natural resource exploration, the assessment of geologic hazards and modeling global climate change. Please visit UTIG's Web site at: www.ig.utexas.edu/

About TACC

The Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at The University of Texas at Austin is a leading research center for advanced computational science, engineering and technology. TACC's mission is to advance the research and education programs of the university and its partners through the application of advanced computing technologies. To fulfill this mission, TACC provides comprehensive advanced computing resources and support services to researchers in Texas and across the nation. TACC also conducts research and development in applications and algorithms, in computing systems design/architecture, and in programming tools and environments to produce new technologies that expand the capabilities of researchers for knowledge discovery. Please visit TACC's Web site: www.tacc.utexas.edu.