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Sen. Richard Burr Visits GTP Tenants

*Spirit AeroSystems and Spatial Integrated Systems Host
Senator Burr*

GTP Board Member Jeff Turner greets Senator Richard Burr during his recent visit to the GTP. *Photo by Charles Buchanan, courtesy of the [Kinston Free Press](#).*



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Burr's final stop of the GTP visit was at Spatial Integrated Systems, where company representatives explained how SIS's latest technological developments are being used by the Department of Defense to protect U.S. military personnel.

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Global TransPark executive director, Darlene Waddell, served as a panelist for *Business North Carolina's* annual economic forum for Eastern North Carolina in August, along with representatives from private industries, education, public service. Topics included alternative energy, military presence, and infrastructure among other.

[Read the Transcript in Business NC](#)

ECU Students Find Opportunity with Spirit AeroSystems



Byron Murphy and Michelle Beracha

When Gov. Mike Easley announced in early 2008 that Wichita-based Spirit AeroSystems Inc., the world's largest independent supplier of commercial airplane assemblies and components, would open a manufacturing plant at the N.C. Global TransPark (GTP) in Kinston, Jim Westmoreland in the College of Business took note.

Soon afterward, as associate dean for external affairs, Westmoreland participated in the September 2008 groundbreaking ceremony for Spirit's new 500,000 square foot manufacturing facility - and he sought out Spirit representatives to learn about the company's need for student workers, both full-time and internship opportunities.

[Read more in ECU Stocknotes, Fall 2009 issue](#)

Darlene Waddell to Speak at UNC-TV Town Hall Meeting at ECU

GTP executive director Darlene Waddell will be a panelist at the UNC-TV Town Hall Meeting at East Carolina University on November 18th at 8:00 PM.

The public is invited to attend and submit questions for discussion.

To RSVP or to submit a question online [click here](#).

About the [NC Global TransPark](#)

The North Carolina Global TransPark (GTP) in Eastern North Carolina offers environmentally permitted prime commercial real estate and excellent shipping capabilities to almost any size company. With its centerpiece 11,500-foot runway, outstanding available warehousing space, fully-permitted environment and 33,000 SF training/conference center, the GTP is ready to do business.

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Spirit AeroSystems Hosts Media Day

Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., the world's largest independent supplier of commercial airplane assemblies and components, today provided a progress update and media tour at its new 500,000 square foot facility under construction at the North Carolina Global TransPark near Kinston. Spirit officially broke ground at the 304-acre site almost exactly one year ago, and reports all is on schedule to commence operations next year.



"Construction progress is on track and on budget for Spirit's brand new facility, we are working well with local partners and couldn't be more pleased with the welcome we have received," said Rick Davis, Spirit Operations Director for the North Carolina site. "Our preparations on the important A350 XWB work statements for our customer, Airbus, are proceeding equally well."

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Spatial Integrated Systems Applies for Patent

Spatial Integrated Systems, Inc., (SIS), located at the Global Trans Park directly across from the airport terminal, recently announced that a United States patent application has been published for a system and method for generating structured light for 3-dimensional image rendering under Publication No. US2009/0169095A1.



"We are pleased that our technical efforts have resulted in the filing of another patent application, reflecting the ingenuity of our design team," said Dr. Ali Farsaie, President and CEO of SIS. "This latest technology [3D SNAPSHOT] represents a significant leap forward in the area of three-dimensional rendering using cost-effective equipment," said Farsaie.

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GTP Wins Business Recruitment Award

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The North Carolina Global TransPark (GTP) and its various business recruitment partners have been recognized by a noted business magazine for efforts in attracting Spirit AeroSystems to the GTP.



[Southern Business & Development](#) (SB&D) magazine recognized the N.C. Global TransPark Authority, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the Golden LEAF Foundation, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the North Carolina Community College System, NC State University, Lenoir County, and the City of Kinston with its 2009 Excellence in Manufacturing Recruitment Award.

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