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**UD Terminates Lease with The Data Centers, LLC at the STAR Campus**

**Newark, DE** (July 10, 2014) — The City of Newark was notified today of the University of Delaware’s (UD) decision to end its association with The Data Centers, LLC (TDC) at the STAR Campus. TDC had proposed to build a data-center complex including a gas-fired power plant on 43 acres of the former Chrysler site, now owned by the University. The recently released report of the UD working group, assembled by the University to evaluate TDC’s project, highlights concerns regarding the size of the proposed facility and other potential impacts.

“While we understand the University’s decision, Newark will continue to welcome and encourage business development initiatives at the site,” stated City Manager Carol Houck. “We will work with the University and the State to identify tenants that will complement the innovative goals of the STAR Campus.”

“Newark remains dedicated to creating and sustaining a multi-faceted economic base and, for that reason, we will continue to attract a diverse range of high-quality business and industrial firms,” said Mayor Polly Sierer. “The STAR campus will continue to be a high profile and attractive location that’s ready for development and well situated.”

“Moving forward, Newark has already demonstrated its commitment to streamlining our permitting and certificate processes for new businesses through the provision of a ‘Red Tape Tips’ booklet and our fast-track application processing model. Our community understands that economic development helps to ease the tax burden on homeowners while raising much needed funds for infrastructure improvements and to maintain service levels,” stated Houck.

“Providing a high level of commitment and support has attracted businesses to Newark such as Bloom Energy and more recently Natural by Nature an independent, family-owned Natural Dairy Products Corporation, that relocated its headquarters and dairy operation to our community,” said Planning and Development Director Maureen Feeney-Roser. “Additionally, GE Aviation, an established Newark business, has expanded its operations in the City.”

“We are poised to welcome a new 3D printing firm, Sovereign Air, to our downtown business district,” said Downtown Newark Partnership Administrator/Planner Ricky Nietubicz. “In fact, downtown Newark, recognized in 2011 as a Great American Main Street Award winner, has welcomed twelve new businesses in the past year, and has seen a steady stream of private investment for over a decade.”

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