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**University Research Park Leaders From Across the Country Gather to
Kick-off the Annual Association of University Research Parks
2016 Spring Training Event**

TUCSON, AZ, April 11, 2016 – Today, University research park leaders, as well as science, innovation and technology park executives gather from across the country to kick-off the Association of University Research Parks (AURP) annual Spring Training Meeting in Tempe, Arizona. Spring Training is a five-day, unique and intense professional development event that is tailored to address issues and possible scenarios that university research park directors face in their positions. Spring Training also includes optional events that provide opportunities for attendees to meet and network with other park directors.

“We consistently hear from attendees, that Spring Training is *the* event that research park leaders should attend,” said AURP President Charlie D’Agostino. “We tap innovative thought leaders that bring valuable tools and innovation solutions to help our attendees shape the vision and direction of their parks. It’s an opportunity for research park directors to receive the most tailored professional training available in the world.”

The session line-up for this year’s Spring Training includes:

- Rise and Appeal of Corporate Innovation Centers
- Building and Sustaining Community
- Fueling the Future: Research Parks as an Economic Engine
- Fostering Endurance in the Workplace
- Three P’s of Wellness Within University Research Parks: Programming, Placemaking and Physically Healthy Workplaces

“The caliber of both speakers and content at AURP Spring Training is quite remarkable,” said Greg Napier, Director at Purdue Research Parks. “The sessions are thought-provoking, practical and relevant to issues that impact research park directors like myself.”

On Wednesday afternoon, attendees will explore three very unique, yet similarly focused programs put on by the Center for Entrepreneurship at the W. P. Carey School of Business and Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering Startup Center. Both Centers focus on entrepreneurship and collaboration to cultivate innovation. Attendees will tour the Engineering Generator Labs, explore the many endeavors being developed in Engineering Projects In Community Service (EPICS) and speak with students about how they are tackling global issues for schools and

nonprofits through the Change Maker Central program.

Spring Training will conclude on April 15, with an optional networking golf outing for all attendees. For more information on Spring Training, visit: springtraining.aurp.net.

About the Association of University Research Parks (AURP)

The Association of University Research Parks is a professional association of university related research and science parks. AURP's mission is to foster innovation, commercialization and economic growth through university, industry and government partnerships. For more information, visit AURP's web site at www.aurp.net.

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