

MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: Robert A. Altenkirch

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SUBJECT: UAH's Expanded Role in Economic Development

In the recent past, we have been heavily involved in assisting the State and the region in economic development activities, including, for example, playing a vital role in bringing a 400-job Boeing Co. research center to Huntsville. One reason cited by Aerojet Rocketdyne executives for locating a rocket propulsion development office in Huntsville was its close proximity to the city's academic resources.

In order to provide a focal point for UAH's various efforts in economic development support, carried out through a number of units on campus, responsibilities of the Vice President for Research have been expanded to serve as that initial point of entry for engaging business and industry and local, State, and regional economic development organizations in their economic development efforts. To reflect the expanded scope the Office of Research is now the Office of Research and Economic Development, and the title of the Vice President for Research is now the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

Thanks,

Bob