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## Chamber Members Receive Data On UML at Luncheon Session

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Developing details on the University Multispectral Laboratories, (UML) were explained Thursday to the well attended membership luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at Pioneer Technology Center.

The laboratories are to be located at the former Research East building on the ConocoPhillips campus, and is expected to employ high paying personnel. To date 10 have been hired. Eventually the international sensor testing lab is expected to hire about 80.

Tim Reynolds, associate laboratory director-operations, who was the main presenter, said besides creating jobs the goal is to attract new businesses to Oklahoma.

Two out-of-state companies have committed already. These are Quicksilver and Nantero.

Accompanying Reynolds were Dr. Webster Keogh, UML laboratory director, and Dr. Christian Hassell, associate laboratory director.

Dr. Stephen W. McKeever, is the vice president research of OSU, heads up the project. He was not in attendance but has been in Ponca City a number of times.

Reynolds acknowledged the gift of the building by ConocoPhillips, a \$2 million contribution by Ponca City Development Authority, and funds from the state. State Senator David Myers and Rep. Ken Luttrell were mentioned on state funds.

The project, in a couple of years, is expected to be a Federally Funded Research and Development Center, as it will be important to the Department of Defense and Homeland Security.

The Ponca City facility is



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE membership luncheon speakers at Pioneer Technology Center were David Myers, left, Ponca City Development Authority executive director; Dr. Christian Hassell, University Multispectral Associate Laboratory Director; Tim L. Reynolds, UML Associate Laboratory Director and Dr. Webster Keogh, UML Laboratory Director. (News Photo by Louise Abercrombie)

owned by OSU and is 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and limited liability corporation. The contractor is Applied Marine Technology Incorporated (AMTI), which was recently acquired by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

The project involves indoor and outdoor sensor testing facilities, which includes Research East, the Richmond Hill OSU facility in Stillwater and access to outdoor ranges at Chilocco and Roswell, N.M.

Outdoor test and evaluation is set for Chilocco. This is to include sensors and antennas and RF component test, UAV test and certification, the Tribal Law Enforcement Training Center, Urban War-

fare Training Center, National Guard Emergency Preparedness Training, and civil support teams. Department of Acquisition Education, is to be located in Ponca City, and Ponca City will also be involved in enforcement and preparedness training.

The laboratories are projected to be a national resource for the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and industry.

The University Multispectral Laboratories is a "trusted agent" for sensors and related technologies. The self-supporting research, development, test and evaluation complex is to certify a wide variety of fully tested and reliable sensor, safety and security systems.

Under defense and homeland security, sensors will be tested for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives. Also to command, control, communications, computers and intelligence for surveillance and reconnaissance, biometrics, PSYOP technologies.

Listed under domestic and international industry, petrochemical and refining, agricultural and aerospace are listed. Disaster recovery includes data storage.

One of the goals of the project OSU sensor research program is to establish Oklahoma as the "go to" state for sensor development, test, evaluation certification and commercialization, Reynolds explained.