

Cimarron Broadband Plays Big Part in Sensor Project

Cimarron Broadband played its part in attracting the sensor project to Ponca City, according to Tim Reynolds, Applied Marine Technology (AMTI).

"One of the components attracting the OSU University Multispectral Laboratory to Ponca City, began four years ago when a forward-thinking group of Ponca City business and government representatives foresaw the day when high-speed broadband capacity would be beneficial for attracting advanced educational opportunities to the area along with stimulating economic growth," said Reynolds, director of Government Affairs. AMTI has the laboratory management contract.

Reynolds added, "This group of volunteers recognized that that broadband access would be an excellent way to stimulate such growth and as a result initiated the Cimarron Broadband Project (CBP). The CBP Board was made up of volunteers, who devoted their time to the project.

"Just over four years later that foresight has been realized. As an advanced Research, Development, Test and Integration facility, the OSU-UML Laboratories represent exactly the kind of educational and business user that will benefit from that initiative.

"With fiber access between OSU and the Ponca City-based UML, the lab will have the ability to reach out to their intended customer base that includes the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, other University associates and downstream customers.

"This invaluable infrastructure item is already in place and ready to support the needs of today," Reynolds commented.

The lab is to be located at Research East on the ConocoPhillips complex, and was donated to OSU, plus an endowment of up to \$2 million and matching funding from the Ponca City Development Authority.