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**Athens Tech Foundation Inc. receives donation from Georgia Power**

Mr. Jim Sykes, Vice President for Georgia Power's Northeast Region, recently presented a check of \$10,000 to Dr. Flora W. Tydings, President of Athens Technical College, as part of the college's *Legacy Starts Now* capital campaign. The donation is provided to help fund a new Life Science and Biomanufacturing Building on the main campus of Athens Technical College.

A new Life Science and Biomanufacturing Building will allow the college to better serve Northeast Georgia by sending even more qualified medical personnel into the workforce and provide training needs in the biotechnology industry. The facility will be 72,000 square feet with construction costs totaling \$17.8 million. The programs of study that may be housed in this facility include Biotechnology, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, and Veterinary Technology

The *Legacy Starts Now* capital campaign started in 2007 and will provide funding for the Life Science and Biomanufacturing Building. The campaign is co-chaired by Grant and Rachel Tribble, and is the first capital campaign in the college's 50-year history. To date, the campaign has received \$1.2 million in pledges and donations. The faculty and staff of Athens Technical College have contributed to the campaign at a 97% participation rate.



(Left to right: Dr. Flora W. Tydings and Mr. Jim Sykes)