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MOORE ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR SHREWSBURY'S CENTECH PARK EAST

Shrewsbury – Senator Michel O. Moore (D-Millbury) has announced that Shrewsbury's CenTech Park East will receive a \$1 million Public Works Economic Development Grant, through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

The grant will leverage at least \$26 million in private investment and build a critical new access road to the CenTech technology park, an 85 acre park that will accommodate biotech, industrial, and research and development firms. An estimated 600 jobs will be created.

"I am very pleased that this funding has been made available for CenTech Park East," said Senator Michael Moore. "Shrewsbury is extremely well-positioned to benefit from the next wave of technological and industrial growth. Thanks to the Worcester Business Development Corporation, the town, and the state, CenTech Park will lay the groundwork for leading companies to come into the area, create jobs, and help keep Shrewsbury at the forefront of regional economic development. This is a wise investment for the community, and for the Commonwealth."

David P. Forsberg, President, Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC) said, "This grant is a true success for the Town of Shrewsbury and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The CenTech Park East project is a prime example of the effective use of state resources, taking vacant, underutilized state property and transforming it into an active technology park. Complementing the successes of its neighboring CenTech Park, this project will foster a critical return to the Commonwealth by way of tax revenue and job creation for the Town of Shrewsbury and Central Massachusetts."

MassDOT provides PWED funding awards to municipalities for transportation infrastructure improvements that will spur economic development, job creation, smart growth and better pedestrian access.

The PWED program has a long history stimulating job growth and commercial development for cities and towns in Massachusetts. Since 2000, MassDOT has awarded \$99.6 million dollars of PWED contracts for 98 projects in 66 municipalities across the Commonwealth. This MassDOT funding has leveraged hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment and helped create thousands of local jobs, both permanent jobs and temporary construction jobs.

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