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ORANGE COUNTY VA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### **MITRE CORPORATION TO INVEST IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Orange County, VA – Orange County is pleased to announce that MITRE Corporation, is launching a new drone range in Orange County. The drone range promises to bring world-leading cutting-edge research and technology to Orange County. As a not-for-profit technology and R&D company, MITRE Corporation connects government, academic, and industry partnerships to tackle complex national and global challenges. For the past 65 years, McLean, Virginia based MITRE Corporation has worked without commercial conflicts of interest to solve problems for a safer world.

The MITRE Corporation currently has an office in North Fork - A UVA Discovery Park, located in Albemarle County. The expansion will support their operations in Central Virginia. “The Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development is delighted to retain this expansion in our region and continue to strengthen our innovation ecosystem,” stated Helen Cauthen, President of Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development.

This expansion is anticipated to create many new jobs over the next four (4) years. The Economic Development Authority has entered into a land lease agreement with MITRE Corporation, for a 16-acre parcel in the county-owned Thomas E. Lee Industrial Park. “MITRE Corporation’s decision to invest in Orange County is an exciting one for the community. This investment is a testament to Orange County’s pro-business climate, and we are pleased to welcome them to Orange County,” noted Rose Deal, Economic Development Director.

“MITRE is excited to launch a first of its kind drone range in Orange County. MITRE’s mission-driven teams are dedicated to solving problems for a safer world. Through our public private partnerships and federally funded R&D centers, we work across government and in partnership with industry to tackle challenges to the safety, stability, and well-being of our nation,” noted Yosry Barsoum, Vice President and Director of MITRE’s Center for Securing the Homeland.

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