

Disposition of Property by Lease – North Carolina State University

The Board of Trustees of North Carolina State University has requested the approval of a disposition lease between NCSU and ABB, Inc. ABB is a current tenant partner on Centennial Campus and the disposition would continue the partnership and renew their current lease.

ABB is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB group of companies operates in 100 countries and employs about 124,000 people. The company's North American operations, headquartered in Cary, North Carolina, employ about 16,000 people in the business of power transmission and distribution. ABB's Power Systems and Power Products Divisions, Corporate Research Center, and ABB Smart Grid Center of Excellence are on Centennial Campus employing 450-500 people. Collaborations with ABB include:

- FREEDM Systems Center Member
- Sponsor of ABB Smart Grid Scholars Program
- Endowed Professorships in ECE
- Senior Design Project Sponsor
- Donor of Power Systems Equipment
- Computer Science ePartner
- Employees are Adjunct Faculty
- Serve on ECE Department Advisory Board
- ABB is a founding member of the Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster.

The disposition lease is for 28,575 SF in the Poulton Innovation Center consisting of office space and high-bay area. There is an initial term of 41 months beginning July 1, 2014 with two renewal options of one year each. Initial year's total annual rent is ±\$561,785 (rents escalate annually with annual adjustment based on actual expenses).

It is recommended that the request of the Board of Trustees be approved.