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## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO LITE COMMISSION**

August 11, 2008 -- Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise (LITE) announces the election of new officers to the LITE Commission for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Dr. Bradd E. Clark will serve as Chairman of the LITE Commission, Mr. Robert Fudickar will serve as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. James H. Prince has been re-elected as Secretary/ Treasurer.

"I am thrilled to lead a state initiative such as LITE this year," says Dr. Clark. "I have always felt that the value of science and technology can be found in the way that they aid people in solving their day-to-day problems. The science and technology capabilities at LITE will allow us to work on projects which will have profound effects on the economic environment in the state. "

Dr. Carolina Cruz-Neira, LITE's Executive Director, says, "I am delighted to have Dr. Clark as Chairman of the LITE Commission, Mr. Fudickar as Vice-Chair and Mr. Prince as Secretary/Treasurer. The three of them bring excellent balance of technology advancement and economic development to support and further LITE's activities."

Dr. Bradd Clark is the Dean of the Ray P. Authement College of Sciences at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and has served on the LITE Commission for the past two years. Dr. Clark joined the USL faculty in 1976. His organizational memberships include IEEE/Computer Science, Mathematical Association of America and the Aviation Historical Society. He has served as Editor for The Proceedings of the Louisiana-Mississippi Section of the MAA since 1999. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award, presented by the Louisiana/Mississippi Section of the Mathematical Association of America in 2000 and has been a Mentor for the Project NEXT program since 1999.

Mr. Robert Fudickar is the Director of the Technology Industry for Louisiana Economic Development and is beginning his second year on the LITE Commission. Mr. Fudickar brings a wealth of experience in technology-based economic development to the commission. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Technology Council, a member of the Board of Directors of Southern Growth Policies Board's Southern Technology Council and is also a member of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council.

Mr. James Prince is the retired CFO of Stone Energy Corporation and is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA). Mr. Prince is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trustees of the UL Lafayette Foundation and the Executive Advisory Council of the B.I. Moody II College of Business Administration at UL Lafayette among many other affiliations.

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About LITE: LITE, the only facility of its kind in North America open to private industry, government and research, is a cooperative effort between the State of Louisiana, Lafayette Economic Development Authority (LEDA) and University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette). A state-of-the-art advanced high performance computing and data visualization facility, LITE uses 3-D and total immersive data visualization technologies powered by supercomputers and transmits data via high-speed fiber optics. LITE technologies are available for government and academic research and private sector innovation, offering essential decision-making tools for collaborative research applications; product development, testing and validation; and training.