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Ridge In Town For Building Dedication

Penn State Behrend's new Research and Economic Development Center, also known as the RED C, is considered one of the most important buildings built on any Penn State campus in recent years. "It's the integration of technology with business to create opportunity for the broader region," said former Governor Tom Ridge. "It's a huge signal to the people with whom we compete for jobs." The \$30 million center is expected to boost the college and the region by housing both the Sam and Irene Black School of Business and the School of Engineering. Former Governor Tom Ridge agrees, because he helped make it all happen. In 2000, Ridge helped to secure the funding... "I remember talking with people about this when I was a young Congressman, you know it might have been my second or third term," said Ridge. "I think they started talking about this in '86 or '87 and it's taken a lot of visionary people with tireless energy, obviously 20-years later, we're finally realizing this dream." Students are excited at the possibilities it presents for their futures. "As I go out into the work environment I will have to deal with engineers and work with them in different projects and everything and to have that headstart gives me an amazing edge in the work force," explained Meredith Straub, marketing student and Student Government Association president at Penn State Behrend. The RED C took two years to complete.

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