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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: Texas A&M University System Vice Chairman James P. Wilson, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Officials, College of Business Students, State and Local Dignitaries and Karen O'Connor Urban

WHAT: Groundbreaking for Michael and Karen O'Connor Building

WHEN: Wednesday, June 24, at 2 p.m.

WHERE: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Angelfish Parking Lot Adjacent to Corpus Christi Hall

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for Michael and Karen O'Connor Building

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University System Vice Chairman James P. Wilson will join with state and local dignitaries, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi officials and student representatives from the College of Business to break ground for the new Michael and Karen O'Connor Building on Wednesday, June 24, at 2 p.m. in the Angelfish parking lot adjacent to Corpus Christi Hall.

The \$25 million facility that will allow the consolidation of business faculty and classrooms at one location was in large part made possible by the application of more than \$6 million from a gift to the University by the late Corpus Christi businessman Michael A. O'Connor and his wife, Karen. When completed in summer 2010, the 75,000-square foot facility will house a new Center for Economic Research with space for an Executive Education Department, faculty offices, classrooms and two computer labs.

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