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Unique collaboration creates shared leadership position

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In a unique agreement that brings together two national research powerhouses, Colorado State University and The Ohio State University have created a shared leadership position to explore energy and environment-related research and economic development opportunities.

The three-year position - called the Vice President and Enterprise Executive for Energy and the Environment - will be filled by [Ron Sega](#), former astronaut and Under Secretary of the U.S. Air Force who currently serves Colorado State as Vice President for Energy and the Environment and Woodward Professor of Systems Engineering.

Sega led the Air Force team that received the overall "Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management" for the U.S. government for FY 2006.

Comments from President Tony Frank

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Guided by national initiatives, economic development

Between the two land-grant universities, more than 500 faculty members are researching areas of energy and the environment. Sega will help the institutions work together to identify and lead potential national initiatives and economic development opportunities and will also look for opportunities for collaboration between the universities.

Position leverages both universities' assets

"This unusual arrangement between our institutions not only breaks down walls that are within institutions of higher learning but between them," said Tony Frank, president of Colorado State. "The position leverages both universities' energy and environmental assets toward increased economic opportunity for Colorado and Ohio. This partnership combines the resources of a great university in the East with a great university in the West so we may focus together on challenges impacting our country and world."

Sega, who obtained his master's degree in physics at Ohio State, will split his time between Ohio State and Colorado State and serve as a full-time tenured faculty member in both institutions' colleges of engineering.

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