



## ROANOKE COUNTY NEWS RELEASE

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### Roanoke Co. and State Officials Recognize Novozymes

**ROANOKE COUNTY, VA (October 19, 2010)** – Local and state dignitaries gathered this morning to celebrate several recent successes by Novozymes Biologicals, one of two company's located in Roanoke County's Center for Research and Technology. Elected officials who attended the ceremony included Virginia State Senator Ralph K. Smith, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors Chairman Joseph B. "Butch" Church, and Supervisor Charlotte A. Moore.

Novozymes was recently awarded a spot on the 2010 Great Places to Work list for medium-sized companies in the U.S. (number 17 out of 25). The accomplishment is listed on Entrepreneur Magazine's website at <http://www.entrepreneur.com/gptw/17>. In addition, Novozymes was recognized for recently earning the "Sustainability Leader" title in the Dow Jones sustainability index. The company also made its first large scale delivery of cellulosic ethanol enzymes in Spain, officially making cellulosic ethanol a reality.

The event was also a way to recognize Novozymes for its work with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance. Senator Smith presented the company with a ceremonial check for more than \$44,000 from the Virginia Jobs Investment Program in support of the company's retraining efforts for its entire workforce. The event was also an opportunity to formally welcome the local company's new President Patrick Patterson, who previously worked in Switzerland. At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the Roanoke County facility.

Novozymes Biologicals, Inc. is located at 5400 Corporate Circle in Roanoke County's Center for Research and Technology (CRT), just off of Interstate 81 at the Dixie Caverns Exit.

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